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PULWAMA-TYPE ATTACK AVERTED IN KASHMIR: ARMY

The Indian Army on Thursday averted a Pulwama-style terror attack in the Union Territory, seizing a huge haul of explosives

52 KG OF EXPLOSIVES RECOVERED

Army officers said that around 52 kg of explosives were recovered in the Karewa area of Gadikal in Kashmir, which is located barely 9 km from the site of last year's deadly Pulwama terror attack that left 40 CRPF personnel dead. "We have averted another Pulwama-type attack," said an officer from the Indian Army.

RANGE OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION

- The explosives, which were seized after a series of searches, include Super-90 and 50 detonators
- Meanwhile, three Hizbul Mujahideen militants and a civilian woman were killed, while two CRPF personnel sustained injuries, in a pre-dawn gunbattle in Batamaloo | P8

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PACKETS OF EXPLOSIVES SEIZED, EACH WEIGHING 125 GM

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First wicket falls in Modi ministry as Badal quits over 'anti-farm' bills

'Farmers not taken on board'

Harsimrat said she was hurt that despite her persistent pleas, the government had not taken the farmers on board

HARPREET BAJWA @Chandigarh

THE first hint of a crack in the ruling NDA appeared on Thursday as Union Minister for Food Processing, Harsimrat Kaur Badal, who represents the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) at the Centre, put in her papers opposing what she called were 'anti-farm' legislations. Though she stepped out of the government, sources said the SAD will continue to stay with the BJP-led NDA coalition.

Her party is bitterly opposed to three Bills the Centre introduced in the Lok Sabha to replace three ordinances on reforming the farm sector, which includes dismantling the decades-old *mandi* system.

The ordinances had angered the agrarian sector in Punjab, which is the SAD's core constituency, forcing its hand.

Harsimrat and her husband and SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal are the only two party MPs in the Lok Sabha. It was Sukhbir who broke the news of her resignation while participating in an LS debate on the farm sector Bills. Sukhbir said Harsimrat had flagged her reservations when the matter was discussed at a Cabinet meeting. The decision to quit was taken at the SAD's core committee meet on Saturday.

"My decision symbolises my party's vision, its glorious legacy and its commitment to go to any extent to safeguard the interests of the farmers," Harsimrat said in a four-page letter of resignation to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The *mandi* system the Bills propose to abolish has political patronage. Farmer bodies and political parties in Punjab and Haryana are worried that the new system that will be put in place could end the minimum support price mechanism, too.

The resignation is meant to undo the SAD's self-inflicted damage, as in the past its leadership had supported the ordinances. In fact, party cadre were not allowed to enter many villages by the angry farm lobby. Farmer outfits in Punjab have already announced that MPs who do not vote against the Bills and abstain will not be allowed to enter the state. P7

Harsimrat Kaur's decision to quit Union Cabinet is another in the long chain of theatrics being enacted by @Akali_Dal_ which has still not quit ruling coalition. It's motivated not by any concern for farmers but to save their own dwindling political fortunes. - Amarinder Singh, CM

LAC situation unlike past face-offs: Rajnath Singh

Defence Minister says Indian troops won't ease patrolling intensity along border areas; MEA urges China not to escalate matters

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@New Delhi

OFFERING a glimpse of the dynamic situation on the Line of Actual Control, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said on Thursday the eyeball-to-eyeball confrontation between Indian and Chinese troops is unlike any in the past.

But Indian troops are well prepared for any eventuality and are conducting intense patrolling along the LAC, Singh said in the Rajya Sabha.

Replying to former Defence Minister A K Antony query on whether Indian soldiers are being stopped from patrolling in certain areas, Singh said: "I want to clarify that the face-off is because of it and patrolling is done on traditional pattern. No power in the world can stop our soldiers from patrolling there and there will be no change in patrolling pattern."

He asserted that India will not accept any change in its traditional and well-defined patrolling pattern.

The Defence Minister, however, expressed his inability to divulge more information in public because of the sensitivity of the matter.

Singh's statement comes in the wake of the Chinese foreign ministry's comment that India needs to "correct mistakes", realise disengagement on the ground and take concrete steps to ease up tension in the relevant areas.

An army convoy carrying military material on its way to Ladakh amid border tensions with China, at Manali-Leh highway on Thursday | PTI

Rajya Sabha members expressed solidarity with the armed forces and said they all stand united behind them.

"We stand by India's sovereignty and with the Government and it must restore status quo ante and send the Chinese back to their pre-April positions," said Ghulam Nabi Azad, Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha.

Rajya Sabha chairman Venkaiah Naidu told Singh the government should create a mechanism whereby members of all political parties are regularly briefed about the situation.

Many Rajya Sabha members said the government should be careful when dealing with Beijing keeping in mind their character to "betray".

Meanwhile, the External Affairs Ministry issued a nuanced statement calling for steps to ease tensions in friction areas by refraining from actions that may escalate the situation

"The Chinese side should sincerely work with the Indian side for complete disengagement at the earliest," External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Anurag Srivastava said.

Earlier, the Chinese Foreign Ministry had claimed the Chinese troops had been abiding by agreements and it was India which was taking aggressive steps to vitiate atmosphere. P7

Cabinet rejig: BSY to meet PM today

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CHIEF Minister B S Yediyurappa, who reached New Delhi on Thursday by a special flight, is scheduled to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday morning.

He will discuss cabinet expansion and other issues affecting the state, like floods and Covid-19, and seek more grants for development works.

In Delhi, he told the media, "I have come here to discuss development issues and also to get the party leadership's approval for cabinet expansion."

Late on Thursday evening, party national general secretary B L Santhosh called on Yediyurappa at Karnataka Bhavan.

Yediyurappa, accompanied by Deputy CM Govind Karjol, met Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, a Rajya Sabha member from Karnataka. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, and Chemicals and Fertilisers Minister D V Sadananda Gowda, too, was present when Yediyurappa called on the Finance Minister. His meeting with BJP national president J P Nadda is scheduled for Friday.

During his stopover at Kalaburgi for the Kalyana Karnataka Utsava earlier in the day, the Chief Minister told media persons that he will discuss with the PM and other senior leaders regarding release of more grants to take up flood relief works, irrigation projects in the state, development works and opening more Covid-19 testing centres and treatment facilities apart from cabinet expansion.

When asked whether he would expand his cabinet before the start of the legislature session, Yediyurappa said that he is ready to do it if the party bosses give the nod.

Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa calls on Defence Minister Rajnath Singh in New Delhi on Thursday, during his visit to the national capital | EXPRESS

JARKIHOLI MEETS FADNAVIS IN DELHI

Karnataka Water Resources Minister Ramesh Jarkiholi is also in Delhi along with MLA Adagur H Vishwanath, but are not accompanying the CM. Jarkiholi met former Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis to seek his help in pushing for his demand on cabinet expansion. Also in Delhi is M P Renukacharya, who is an aspirant for a cabinet berth. P3

SHHHH! MINISTER SRIRAMULU HAS A WISH

RAMKRISHNA BADSESHI @Kalaburagi

MINISTER Sriramulu has one wish. And doesn't want anyone to know what it is.

On a day when Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa landed in the national capital to discuss ministry expansion, Health Minister Sriramulu sought divine intervention to become Deputy CM.

Sriramulu, who was in Yadgir on Thursday to participate in the Kalyana Karnataka Utsava celebrations, visited the Durga Devi temple in Gade village.

When the minister visited the temple, he was told about the practice there that the devotees would write their wish on a chit of paper addressed to the presiding deity and hand it over to the priest.

Sriramulu quietly wrote something in a chit and gave it to the priest of the temple, Mareppa. CONTINUED ON: P5

SPECIAL CBI COURT ORDERS REGISTRATION OF CRIMINAL CASE AGAINST ARUN SHOURIE

A special court on Thursday ordered the CBI to register a criminal case against former Union minister Arun Shourie over alleged corruption in the 2002 divestment of a state-owned hotel in Udaipur, Rajasthan

KARNATAKA COVID-19 BATTLE

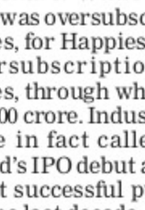
9,366 Test Positive on Thursday

1,03,631 Total Active Cases

TOTAL CASES **4,94,356**

3,83,077 Total Discharges

7,629 Total Deaths



Tumakuru district breaches 10,000-cases mark, but mortality dips to 1.4%

Mangaluru to have more tests among vulnerable sections of people

• FULL COVERAGE P4

RS member Ashok Gasti dies due to Covid-19

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NEWLY-ELECTED BJP Rajya Sabha member Ashok Gasti died due to Covid-19 in Bengaluru late on Thursday night.

A statement from Manipal Hospital director Dr Manish Rai said, "Ashok Gasti, who was admitted to Manipal Hospital, Old Airport Road, on September 2, was diagnosed with severe Covid-19 pneumonia and passed away at 10.31 pm on Thursday. He was 55 years old. He was critically ill with multi-organ failure, on life support system in the intensive care unit and under constant observation by our expert panel of doctors. We deeply regret the loss and express our condolences to his family and friends."

"Rajya Sabha MP Shri Ashok Gasti was a dedicated Karyakarta who worked hard to strengthen the party in Karnataka. He was passionate about empowering the poor and marginalised sections of society. Anguished by his passing away. Condolences to his family and friends. Om Shanti," tweeted PM Narendra Modi. P5

EXPRESS READ

Trump identifies India, others for drug transit

Washington: US President Donald Trump has identified India along with 20 other nations as major drug transit or illicit drug-producing countries and asserted that his administration is taking the fight to criminal organisations engaged in narcotics substances. Trump also designated Bolivia and Venezuela as having failed to adhere to agreements

NLAT 2020: SC to pass order on September 21

New Delhi: The Supreme Court said it will pronounce its order on September 21 on a petition which has challenged the decision of NLSIU, Bengaluru, to conduct its separate entrance examination NLAT-2020. A bench headed by Justice Ashok Bhushan reserved its order on the plea filed by former NLSIU VC Professor R Venkata Rao and the parent of an aspirant.

NIA questions Kerala Minister Jaleel

Kochi/Thiruvananthapuram: Kerala Minister K T Jaleel was questioned for over eight hours on Thursday by the NIA probing the terror angle in the gold smuggling case, prompting the opposition to intensify protests demanding his resignation. But Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan rejected it. Rallying behind Jaleel, the chief minister said there was no need for the former to resign. P5

IKEA's new global office to come up in Bengaluru

BISMAH MALIK @Bengaluru

SWEDISH furniture giant IKEA will set up its new global office in Bengaluru and hire for key roles as the company is planning to expand its digital footprint in line with the new consumer shopping trends shaped by the Covid-19 pandemic.

An IKEA India spokesperson told TNIE that the company is in the middle of the hiring process and will continue to recruit more talent targeted at setting up a digital framework in the country. The company is investing in a new global office to operate within the areas of Global Business Operations (GBO), digital, and centres of expertise (CoE) which will help streamline, simplify and standardise ways of working and operations, while diversifying the overall digital footprint, IKEA said in a statement. The office

will operate from the Karle Special Economic Zone in Bengaluru.

Currently IKEA's GBO centers operate in cities including Poznan (Poland), Shanghai (China) and Baltimore (US). Bengaluru will be the first Indian city which will be the key partner for the group functions such as finance, digital, procurement and people & culture to transform, operate and continuously improve ways of working. Besides, it will also be the centre for digital development, innovation and operations, according to the furniture retailer. P10

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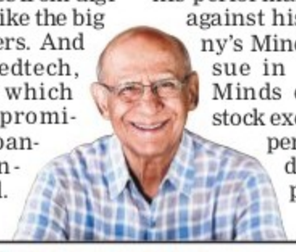
IT INDUSTRY VETERAN

At 77, Happy Mind Soota is building good companies

BISMAH MALIK @Bengaluru

FROM the dotcom boom in late 90s to the e-commerce digital wave in the past few years, one man has seen it all and made the most of it. Seventy-seven-year-old **Ashok Soota**, an IIT Roorkee graduate, has built phenomenal companies and he is not stopping yet. On Thursday, Soota, who was awarded as the Electronics Man of the Year award in 1992, said during the public listing of his company, Happiest Minds, that he has built a born digital, born agile company which is growing at compounded annual growth rate (CAGR) of 20 per cent compared to the traditional IT industry average of 8-15 per cent.

"Much of it has been possible because we derive 97 per cent of our revenues from digital businesses, unlike the big IT service providers. And our focus is on edtech, hitech verticals which will gain more prominence in a post-pandemic environment," Soota said.



Happiest Mind's revenue in FY20 crossed $100 million (Rs 714 crore) and 76 per cent of its businesses remained unimpacted by COVID disruption, he added.

As far as his success rate with IPOs go, Soota bettered his performance this time as against his earlier company's Mindtree's public issue in 2007. Happiest Minds debuted on the stock exchanges at Rs 351 per share at almost double the IPO price of Rs 161 per share. While Mindtree's IPO was oversubscribed by 103 times, for Happiest Minds, the oversubscription was 151 times, through which it raised Rs 700 crore. Industry analysts have in fact called Happiest Mind's IPO debut as one of the most successful public issues of the last decade.

"I should add here that we filed for IPO virtually in the middle of a pandemic and we have been able to achieve all this success when the global markets are facing a challenge," Soota said. P10

ALMANAC TODAY
• **Friday** 18/09/2020 • **Year:** Sarvari • **Ayana :** Dakshinayana • **Ritu:** Sharad • **Masa:** Adhika Ashwayuja • **Paksha:** Sukla • **Tithi:** Prathami 2:40 pm • **Nakshatra:** Utthara Phalguni 9:22 am • Moon in Tula Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 10:30 am to 12:00pm • **Gulikakala:** 07:30 am to 09:00 am • **Yamaganda:** 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm

WEATHER WATCH
MIN 21°C | MAX 27°C
FORECAST
Thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy

Sunrise 6.08 am
Sunset 6.18 pm
Moonrise 6.50 am
Moonset 7.18 pm

BBMP looks to tighten its austerity belt

Administrator says only essential expenditure will be undertaken, new taxation, financial schemes being looked at

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THE Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), worried about its financial health, has decided to undertake only essential expenditure, according to Administrator Gaurav Gupta. He said on Thursday that measures were being discussed to improve the finances of the corporation.

Speaking to the media after holding a detailed meeting with the BBMP officials and Commissioner N Manjunatha Prasad, Gupta said that new taxation and financial schemes were being looked at. "Many proposals have been made and they are being assessed. The income and expenditure of BBMP is being assessed. The assets and liabilities have increased. Now there is a need to be financially responsible," he said.

BBMP Administrator Gaurav Gupta and a team of officials inspect development works in the city on Thursday | EXPRESS

Gupta also assessed the garbage problem in the City and how it was being managed. He took stock of the system, the problems and the garbage collection methods. He was assured by the officials that in three months, the City would be 100 per cent garbage-and black spots-free.

Commissioner Prasad said citizens must use the BBMP App to track the auto tippers when they visit their house for garbage collection. The app must also be used to check and inform if the auto tipper does not visit the allotted area at the specified time. He added that scientific methods were being adopted for solid waste management. Talks are also on with KPCL and other units to start the waste to energy plants. Also, 25 acres of land has been identified in Bidadi to set up a waste to energy plant, he said.

Prasad said they were addressing the garbage problem from all angles --- three tenders were awarded for wet, dry and sanitary collection, marshals deployed to check and penalise offenders and link workers roped in to educate the people on proper garbage disposal.

Earlier in the day, Gupta did a reality check of the ongoing works in central Bengaluru, including Race Course Road, Infantry Road, Commercial Street, Raj Bhavan and surrounding areas. These works have been taken up under the Smart City initiative.

After inspection, he informed the media that the officials had given multiple reasons for delay in completing the road works.

HOSPITALS WARNED FOR NOT RESERVING BEDS

BBMP Commissioner N Manjunatha Prasad said that stern action would be taken against the 36 hospitals which were slapped a final show-cause notice for not reserving 50 per cent beds for Covid-19 patients. "If they do not give a satisfactory reply within the stipulated time, their licence will be cancelled," he said.

GETTING A LEG UP

Bio graduates can now teach science to classes 6 to 8

PEARL MARIA DSOUZA
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GRADUATES of various science courses are now eligible to teach science to children studying in Classes 6-8 in government schools, thanks to a recent order issued by the State government.

Until September 7, the government of Karnataka only allowed graduates with degrees in maths, physics and chemistry to work as science teachers in government schools, based on a 2015 Ministry of Human Resources Development order mandating teachers of Classes 6-8 to be graduates.

When implemented here, science graduates who studied subjects such as botany, sericulture, environmental science, and biology, were found in a position of disadvantage, as they were eligible to teach Classes 6-8 in government schools. Only Maths, Physics and Chemistry teachers were being selected for the post. On the other hand, government schools also faced a shortage of qualified science teachers.

In 2017, although the government sought to appoint 10,000 teachers through competitive examinations, but were only able to fill 3,000 posts. In 2019, the Department of Public Instruction sought to advertise job openings for 10,655 vacancies for posts of science teachers, which received 60,000 applicants. However, only 14,000 candidates were eligible, and only 2,700 were recruited.

In 2019, the Department of Public Instruction received 60,000 applications for posts of science teachers. There were 10,655 vacancies. However, only 14,000 were recruited

There are over 20,000 vacancies of which a majority are for the posts of science teachers

Appointment of graduates as teachers of Classes 6-8 was based on a 2015 Human Resources Development Ministry order

Currently, the department has over 20,000 vacancies of which a majority are for the posts of science teachers.

Considering this shortage, the Department of Public Instruction approached the government for admendments in the recruitment critera. While also seeking additional opening to be created for classrooms that have a large number of students.

Now, with the order dated September 7, the eligibility criteria for teachers is expanded. More people will be able to apply. The government has also permitted the Department of Public Instruction to recruit teachers based on the strength of the class.

RV Road-Yelachenahalli Metro to close 1 hour early

PICKING UP QUICKLY

Metro services have begun picking up pace since the relaunch on September 7 and have been crossing 35,000 commuters daily since September 14. Here's a look at the daily ridership on both lines in the last four days:

Though the ridership is a far cry from an average of 4.5 lakh commuters registered every working day before March 22, Metro officials are optimistic that it will pick up in the coming weeks

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METRO services on the RV Road-Yelachenahalli stretch on the Green Line will close at 8 pm on Saturday and Sunday, an hour earlier than the current schedule, due to testing of systems and trains in connection with the launch of the first stretch of Phase-II.

According to an official release, the last train covering the entire Green Line from Yelachenahalli to Nagasandra will depart at 8 pm while the last service from Nagasandra to Yelachenahalli will depart at 6.56 pm. The morning services will not be affected and will run as usual at 7 am on all days.

The Purple Line (Baiyappanahalli-Mysuru Road) trains will run as usual. Those heading to Yelachenahalli from the Kempegowda Interchange this weekend have to board the last train towards the station which leaves Baiyappanahalli at 6.55 pm and Mysuru Road at 7 pm. Trains beyond that timing will terminate at RV Road.

Reach 4B of Phase-II, Yelachenahalli-Anjanapura stretch, the Southern extension of the Green Line, is set for a formal launch on November 1.

WHERE THERE'S A WILL...

Children study under the watchful eye of their grandmother at a construction site where she works, in Bengaluru on Thursday. The woman takes care of her grandchildren while her daughter goes to work | MEGHANA SASTRY

EXPRESS READ

Prime rly land to be leased for 99 yrs

Online bids have been invited to lease out a land parcel measuring 10,128 square metres, belonging to the Railways, in a prime area in the city for 99 years. The Rail Land Development Authority (RLDA), a statutory body under the Ministry of Railways, is carrying out the bidding process. According to an official release, the land is located at Platform Road, and is close to KSR railway station. ENS

Cleanliness fortnight at KSR rly stn

In the run-up to Gandhi Jayanti, a cleanliness fortnight — Swachhta Pakhwara — is being observed at KSR Railway Station to sensitise passengers about cleanliness. It was launched on Wednesday. An official release stated that officers and staff at all railway stations and units of the division also took the Swacchta pledge. Saplings were planted at KSR Bengaluru and other stations. ENS

Patient Safety Week on at NIMHANS

On the eve of 'World Patient Safety Day 2020' on Thursday, a week-long patient safety awareness week was observed at NIMHANS by flagging off posters/ banners highlighting 'International Patient Safety Goals' to spread awareness among staff and patients starting from September 11-17. In context of the pandemic, the theme was 'Health worker safety: A priority for patient safety'. ENS

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

18th September: Neptune, one of the most distant planets, is now passing through Pisces. It's going to stay there until 2025, so none of us is expecting instant changes. However, this type of alignment is said to be excellent for all idealists, visionaries and poets so, if you fall into that category, then good for you!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
As the week draws to a close, partners seem even less disposed to agree than when it began. Yet so much of interest is being said that it would be a shame if you noticed only the insults and arguments. A passionate Moon restores your sense of pride and self-esteem, so if other people can't get on, that is their problem!

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
It is unlikely that anyone will be interested in apologising for recent hurts or withdrawing grievous allegations. Yet the manner of your response is a question for you alone to decide. You will shortly be off on a new path at home, one which could change your life forever - and in more ways than one!

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Mercury, your planetary ruler, may be the bringer of wisdom. Yet there is an irresponsible side to this celestial body, and it is this which is dominant today. There will be little inclination to compromise, so why don't you stay away from controversial questions?

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
This is no time for the thin-skinned and sensitive amongst you. The sensible members of your sign will be withdrawing into the safety of their protective shells, hiding in their personal emotional bunkers. If there's anything you want to do, in any area of life, from climbing Mount Everest to flying to the Moon, from daily routine, to your wildest dreams, do it now.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
Partners may be perfectly well-intentioned, but that doesn't excuse them from responsibility for some of life's biggest blunders. It is difficult to remember a time when the planets were less inclined to agree or see sense. However, there is one simple solution: keep smiling and remember that a sense of humour is vital.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
Today is frankly far from dull. You will be better placed than most to extract the unusual, interesting and stimulating snippets from the disputes and arguments which seem to be raging amongst friends, partners and colleagues. However, gentle Taurean influences suit your earthy Virgoan temperament and see you through unscathed.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
While you may feel under considerable personal pressure, these are just the sort of conditions in which your stronger qualities should come out. You really must now use all your considerable experience as a diplomat and fixer, to restore a level of peace and understanding.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Without in any way appearing to score points, you can now afford to say what has been on your mind for some time. It is possible, though, that nobody will take any notice, or even understand your message. And, if that is the case, why don't you just bide your time and keep your secrets?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
Clarity and honesty in your dealings with partners and colleagues over the next few days should ensure that you are not out of pocket. However, you must now rethink your financial plans. In love, partners could be excessively sentimental, yet sometimes you'll find their refusal to face the future deeply irritating.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
You must speak your mind and get a number of frustrations off your chest. Yet, at the same time, you should be prepared for other people to say things which you may not want to hear. This is the price you must pay for honesty. Unfortunately, you have still to find out that the truth as you see it, is not the truth as partners see it!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
A deeply challenging planetary set-up indicates that an emotional tie remains a source of anxiety. Your work may suffer, as may your health, if you allow such fears and worries to continue. This is, by the way, an ideal moment for dealing with health matters, including your spiritual well-being.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
There is no knowing exactly how current trends are to continue. However, your aim must be to create that sense of justice, integrity and fair-play which other people so conspicuously lack. As from tomorrow, you'll be in a new, bright, decisive mood, so smarten up and get ready. Partners will expect the best!

THE PHANTOM

HI AND LOIS

BEETLE BAILEY

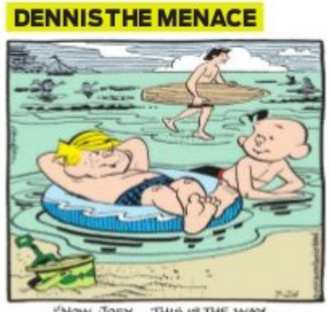
BLONDIE

I'VE BEEN ASKED TO ORGANIZE A BANQUET FOR MY GOURMET FOOD TASTERS GROUP
THAT SOUNDS LIKE FUN!
I NEED A SYMPATHETIC CATERER
A SYMPATHETIC CATERER?
ALSO, WE'RE FLAT BROKE AND WE'RE NOT SURE HOW WE CAN PAY YOU
YOU HAVE MY SYMPATHIES

LOCKHORNS

"MY HUSBAND NEEDS A PAIR OF 'ONE-SIZE-FITS-ALL-OF-HIM' PANTS."

DENNIS THE MENACE



"NOW, JOEY... THIS IS THE WAY I WANNA SPEND THE REST OF MY LIFE."

Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

SUDOKU

1		2	5					
				6		1		
7	3			1				5
	1	9			3			
	7						3	
			7			4	8	
3				9			5	6
		8		7				
					5	9		2

EVIL

- Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.
- Each sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached logically without guessing.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

7	9	1	6	8	2	5	4	3
8	4	2	5	3	1	6	7	9
3	6	5	9	4	7	1	8	2
5	1	3	4	7	8	2	9	6
9	2	8	3	6	5	7	1	4
4	7	6	2	1	9	8	3	5
6	8	9	7	5	4	3	2	1
1	3	4	8	2	6	9	5	7
2	5	7	1	9	3	4	6	8

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

ENUQE
SAYSS
MMLUEB
LEOVRT

TO SHOW HIS GRANDSON WHERE HE BOWLED A PERFECT 300 GAME, THEY WENT TO ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here:

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: ICING SADLY VOYAGE APPEAL
Answer: Heading west from Iowa into Nebraska, they could see the prairie — PLAIN AS DAY

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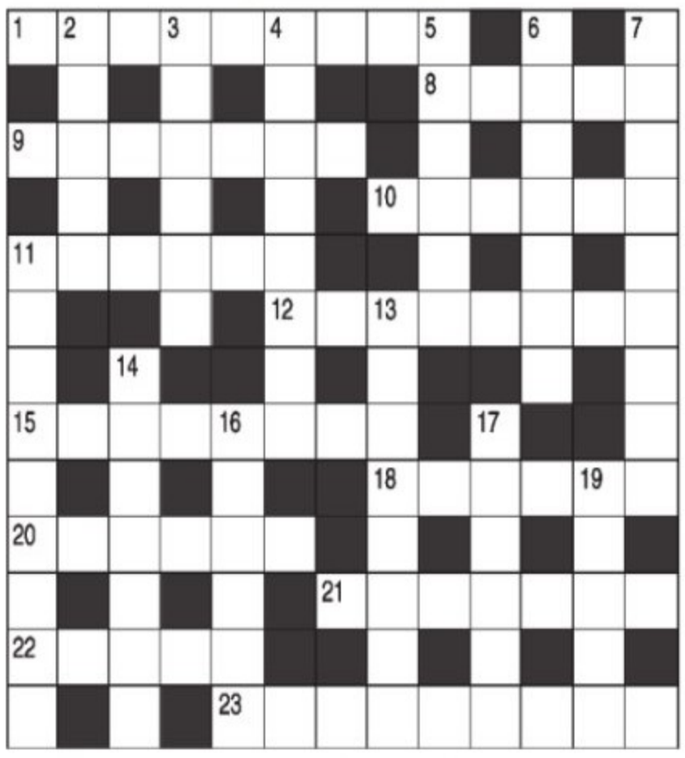
CROSS WORD



ACROSS

1 Put prison helper's position in jeopardy (2,7)
8 Victor loses his head in the bull ring (5)
9 Misfortune for the other side (7)
10 Firs do make attractive features in Norway (6)
11 She may get up late (6)
12 Stop in front of a humble building (8)
15 One point on a fork is unpleasantly sharp (8)
18 It's old perhaps and not easily moved (6)
20 I'd seem upset by a death (6)
21 Jewish father (7)
22 Not qualified to speak (5)
23 Trace idea that is wrong and root it out (9)

DOWN

2 It's pleasant embracing an Eastern relative (5)
3 Able to help us with processed fuel (6)
4 Fair description of all but the fastest runners? (8)
5 It's exhausting but follow it up with a telephone call (6)
6 Any girl so mistreated might react thus (7)
7 Expression of annoyance for your immediate occupation (9)
11 Accepted in error and fainted (6,3)
13 Fair description of a reformed character (3,2,3)
14 I'm in to gossip like a bishop (7)
16 Wish to reside in style (6)
17 Artistic piecework (6)
19 Unsuitable camouflage paint (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Coconut, 4 Mango, 7 Mate, 8 Marginal, 10 Cartoonist, 12 Ranges, 13 Ground, 15 Call it a day, 18 Alphabet, 19 Edam, 20 Trout, 21 Shotgun.

Down: 1 Comic, 2 Catering, 3 Trains, 4 Magistrate, 5 Nuns, 6 Obliged, 9 Poles apart, 11 Guide dog, 12 Rampant, 14 Alters, 16 Yemen, 17 Up to.

The DJ Halli police shot at an accused who was wanted for attempt to murder after he allegedly injured head constable Ranganath with a knife. Premkumar was wanted for attacking two people during a fight in a bar on September 8. Police arrested Shiva on Wednesday.

Yogeshwar for Deputy CM: Jarkiholi meets Fadnavis

Water Resources Minister hopes to oust his bete noire, the current DyCM Laxman Savadi

NAUSHAD BIJAPUR @ Belagavi

WHILE Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa is keen to expand his cabinet, Water Resources Minister Ramesh Jarkiholi is trying everything in his power to get a berth for MLC C P Yogeshwar and two other MLAs from his coterie. For this, Jarkiholi is using his good offices in Delhi, especially at the high command level.

It is no more a secret that Jarkiholi has met BJP National President J P Nadda several times in the past few weeks, and held discussions with many influential party leaders to get his work done.

Sources said Jarkiholi is insisting that party leaders name Yogeshwar as deputy chief minister, to oust his bete noire DCM Laxman Savadi.

Sources close to Jarkiholi said, "The latter met former Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis in New Delhi for over an hour, only to take his help to realise the plan."

Jarkiholi had resorted to Operation Lotus the first time, in an attempt to destabilise the JDS-Congress coalition government, only after holding a crucial meeting with Fadnavis. The Gokak strongman is unwilling to leave any stone unturned to get Yogeshwar into the cabinet.

However, Jarkiholi's close associates claim their leader met Fadnavis in Delhi to threaten the coalition government in Maharashtra by using his strong political links in the neighbouring state.

While Jarkiholi claimed he had been frequently visiting Delhi on official work, his PRO said in a WhatsApp message on Thursday, "Jarkiholi, who was able to bring the coalition government in Karnataka down to bring BJP to power, has a stronghold in Maharashtra state as well. A meeting between influential leaders Jarkiholi and former Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis today has created fear in the Congress-Shiv Sena coalition government."

Even as the coalition government in Maharashtran is safe, leaders from the saffron outfit in New Delhi are making desperate attempts to destabilise the government. Jarkiholi and Fadnavis were closeted for an hour and discussed several political issues directed by BJP chief Nadda.

Ramesh Jarkiholi

CP Yogeshwar

> Yediyurappa knows whom he wants in his team and he also knows I will not be a liability to the party or the government
>
> A H Vishwanath, MLC

> We have given our opinion to the party leaders and those in the government. It is up to them to take a call
>
> RSS functionary

Vishwanath calls on RSS, party bosses

K SHIVA KUMAR@Mysuru

WITH the possibility of another cabinet expansion around the corner, A H Vishwanath, who managed to get nominated to the Legislative Council, is now trying hard to make it to the ministry.

While CM B S Yediyurappa is in New Delhi to meet the party bosses to discuss cabinet expansion, among other things, aspirants for ministerial berths, like Vishwanath and M P Renukacharya, are also in the national capital.

Knowing fully well that many detractors are out to thwart his ministerial aspirations as they fear he may get a prominent role, Vishwanath is keeping a low profile, but has called on RSS leaders and those from right-wing frontal organisations who form the opinion in the party.

As all three MLCs -- Shankar, M T B Nagaraj and Vishwanath -- are from the Kuruba community, the latter is bargaining hard, and is in the national capital to tell the party bosses how his induction in the ministry could help strengthen his party.

Sources said that many in the RSS feel that Vishwanath's induction will make him the face of the backwards and may help rope in other microscopic communities and Dalits into the party fold.

Housing Minister V Somanna celebrates Prime Minister Narendra Modi's birthday in Bengaluru on Thursday. He also felicitated pourakarmikas during the event | SHRIRAM BN

BHYRAPPA ALL PRAISE FOR MODI

Mysuru: Writer S L Bhyrappa was all praise for the PM. He said: "Modi was the first PM to be elected by the decision of the people.. others were elected by the party decision."

GOPUJA AT SIDDAGANGA MUTT

Tumakuru: Siddaganga Mutt seer Sri Siddalinga Swamiji performed gopuja on the PM's birthday while BJP workers in Pavagada town held a blood donation camp

CM meets finance, defence ministers, seeks funds for state

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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CHIEF MINISTER B S Yediyurappa on Thursday appealed to Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman to accept recommendations of the 14th Finance Commission for a special grant of Rs 5,495 crore for Karnataka, on account of reduced devolution.

In a memorandum submitted to the Finance Minister, the CM said only Rs 869.40 crore has been received against recommendation of Rs 2,100.25 crore performance grant to Urban Local Bodies and Rural Local Bodies. He also requested the Centre to release the balance amount of Rs 1,230.85 crore. Yediyurappa sought early release of outstanding material dues of nearly Rs 665.09 crore and unskilled wage dues of Rs 54.65 crore. The Chief Minister appealed to the Union government to notify an additional 50 days under Section 3(4) of MNGREGA, as Karnataka is facing an unprecedented Covid outbreak.

Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa meets Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Union Minister D V Sadananda Gowda in New Delhi on Thursday | EXPRESS

The CM, who reached Delhi on Thursday afternoon, also met Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and requested the establishment of an independent laboratory of the Defence Research Development Organisation (DRDO) at Shivamogga.

The statement issued by the Chief Minister's Office said the defence ministry has considered the State Government's proposal for establishing a DRDO research cell at Kuvempu University. But the State is expecting a full-fledged independent DRDO laboratory in Shivamogga with ample number of scientists and technocrats, a statement from the CMO said.

Further, the Chief Minister said the laboratory can explore natural remedial measures for military use from the Western Ghats region. He also said land required for it will be given by the state government.

Night clubs root cause for drug racket: HDK

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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HIGH-END nightclubs of Bengaluru are the root cause of the drug racket, former Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy alleged on Wednesday. He claimed that many of these clubs have seen investments from officials and politicians.

"A lot of cities in the West have casinos. But here, the business of drugs takes place in dance bars and night clubs, which stay open till 3 am. These are the root cause of the drug mafia," Kumaraswmay claimed, adding that politicians and some senior officials were behind these outlets.

Kumaraswamy said there is no use if JDS takes up the issue in the Assembly. "They have arrested some actors from the Kannada industry. This is just eyewash. The probe will get into cold storage in 15 days. Let the government honestly investigate the matter,'' he demanded.

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O A No. 648/2019
Between: State Bank of India ...Applicant
And
M/s. Keybee Enterprises & Others ...Defendants
SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993 TO THE DEFENDANTS
Whereas the applicant has instituted an application U/S 19 of the recovery of Debts Due to Bank and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 against you for the recovery of a sum of **Rs.21,90,823/-** (Rupees Twenty One Lakhs Ninety Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty Three Only) as on 24.04.2019 together with current and future interests and other reliefs.
You are hereby requested to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication of this summons or on the **13.11.2020** at **10.30 AM** in person or by a pleader Advocate duly instructed as to why relief/s prayed for should not be granted. Take notice that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and scal of the Tribunal on the 11th day of September 2020 .
Sd/-Signature of the Registrar, Authorised to issue summons
Defendant No. 3: Mrs. Savithri, W/o. Mr. Raju R., No. 12, 13th Cross, Bendre Nagar, Kadirenahalli, Banashankari II Stage, Bangalore - 560 070.

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-(DRT -II)
Jeevan Mangal Building, 1st & 2nd Floor No. 4, Residency Road, Bangalore-25
O. A. No. 1068/2019
Between: Karnataka Bank Ltd., Kasturba Road Branch, Bengaluru ...**Applicant**
V/s.
Mr. T. S. Shivamurthy S/o. Late Sannaveeraiah T. S. ...**Defendants**
SUMMONS UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION
To: 1) Mr. T. S. Shivamurthy S/o. Late Sannaveeraiah T. S. ...**Defendant No. 1**
2) Mrs. Mamatha H. G. , W/o. Mr. T. S. Shivamurthy. ...**Defendant No. 2**
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Also at : No. 252, 2nd E Cross, 5th Main, 3rd Block, 3rd Stage, Basaveshwarangar, Bengaluru - 560 079.
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POSSESSION NOTICE {See Rule 8 (1) for Immovable Property}

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Kosamattam Finance Limited, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued Demand Notice dated 26/09/2018 u/s. Section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the borrower M/s Rojas Realtors (P) Limited, 297, 1st Floor, 1st Cross, 7th Main, BTM Layout 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560 076, CIN: U70109KA2007PTC044650, under new address, 1090/B, P N Plaza, 4th Floor, 18th Cross, 3rd Sector, HSR Layout, Bangalore-560102 and guarantors, M/s. Oceanus Dwellings (P) Ltd., 297, 1st Floor, 1st Cross, 7th Main, BTM Layout 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560 076, CIN: U07010KA2003PTC031632, under new address, 1090/B, P N Plaza, 4th Floor, 18th Cross, 3rd Sector, HSR Layout, Bangalore-560102, Mr. P K Chacko S/o P J Kuriakose, 838, 10th Main, BTM Layout 2nd Stage, Bilekahalli, Bangalore-560 076 and Smt. Daisy Chacko W/o P K Chacko, 838, 10th Main, BTM Layout 2nd Stage, Bilekahalli, Bangalore-560 076 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 3,52,81,389/- (Rupees Three Crore Fifty Two Lakhs Eighty One Thousand Three Hundred and Eighty Nine Only)** as on 25/09/2018 @ 18.00 % per annum with monthly rests and penal interest @ 2 % over and above the rate of interest,for the defaulted amount for the defaulted period along with future interest from 24/09/2018 and costs, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice

The borrower/guarantors having failed to repay the amount in full, this notice is hereby given to the borrower/guarantors in particular and the public in general that the undersigned has taken (Symbolic) possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this day the **16th of September 2020.**

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Place: Kottayam
Date : 16/09/2020
Sd/-
Authorized Officer
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TRACKING COVID-19

The strike by the Karnataka Government Medical Officers Association has impacted numbers reported in the Covid bulletin — 19 districts reported 0 deaths and 15 districts reported 0 discharges on Thursday.

7,268 NEW RECOVERIES

3,83,077 TOTAL RECOVERED

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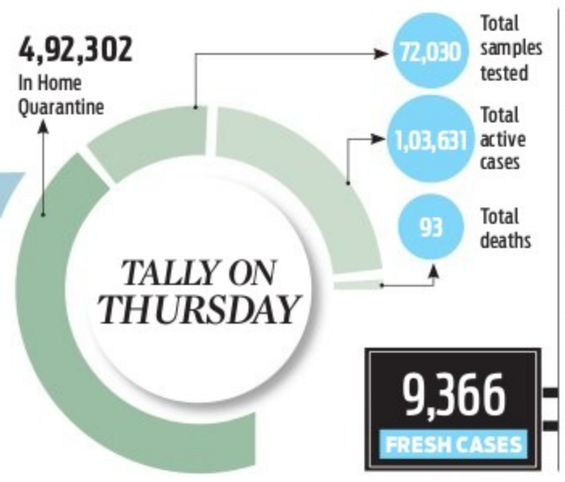

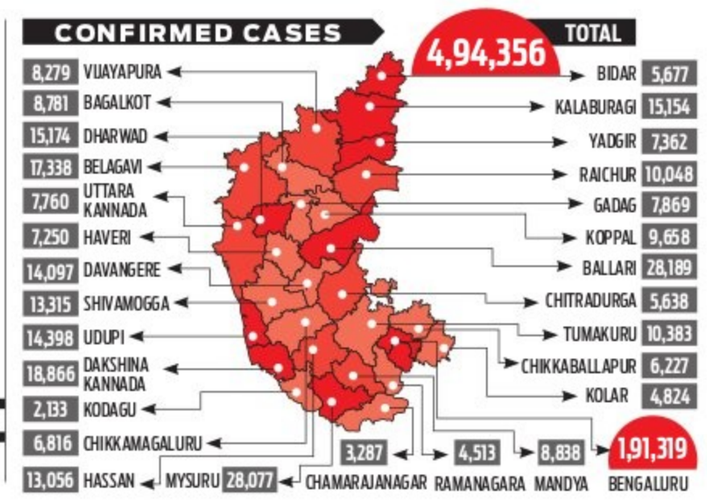

Mortality analysis shows patients reached hosp late

370 deaths at Victoria Hospital; Patients had comorbidities, says nodal officer

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> Dr Smitha Segu, Victoria Hospital

RANJANI MADHAVAN @Bengaluru

COVID mortality analysis of patients in Victoria Hospital found that of 370 deaths due to Covid-19, 71 were within 12 hours of admission and 32 were within 24 hours of admission.

The hospital has treated 5,000 Covid patients so far, and for the first three months of the pandemic in Karnataka, it was the only hospital permitted to treat Covid patients in Bengaluru.

"They were referred by private and corporate hospitals, intubated and in severe condition such as bilateral covid pneumonia and septicemia. During the initial phase, they would be admitted for pneumonia in other hospitals and as soon as the Covid test result came positive, they would be shifted to Victoria. We have seen deaths happening even within one hour of admission. If death happens within 10-12 hours, it doesn't amount to death in our ICU," said Dr Smitha Segu, nodal officer for Covid-19 treatment, Victoria Hospital.

While the exact reasons why patients were referred at the last stage is not known, the possible causes could be patients' inability to afford treatment in private hospitals, lack of facilities such as ventilators in mid-size hospitals, and private hospitals not wanting Covid mortalities on their hands. Hospitals with 30-40 beds may not have adequate facilities and treatment cost trebles in the ICU.

"The patients who passed away soon after being referred to Victoria, suffered non-Covid morbidities such as diabetes, hypertension, chronic kidney disease needing dialysis etc. We have also had 43 deaths due to non-Covid reasons in Covid-positive patients, such as malignancy, road traffic accidents, etc," Dr Segu added.

Several who came in a critical stage, died within 4-5 hours. These deaths were among the 50-60, 70-79 and 80-89 age groups. Anesthetists and ICU specialists say that ideally, patients should not be shifted when they are in the intubated stage. They do well in the beginning, suddenly turn breathless and collapse, even before the hospital is able to put them on intubation.

"These cases have been a learning curve for the ICU team, including doctors from the department of anaesthesia, medicine and pulmonology. Being a government hospital, we have not refused any patient," Dr Segu added.

Member of the Covid Death Audit committee in Karnataka and pulmonologist, Dr K S Satish said, "Earlier, only Victoria Hospital was designated to treat Covid. Patients who presented late were aged above 60, had comorbidities and were admitted in the ICU, with or without ventilator, passed away soon after admission. However, later on, all hospitals opened up and there is more awareness on reporting early."

Owing to growing demand, hand sanitiser and masks are being sold by the roadside in Bengaluru | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Peak position: Bengaluru reports 3,799 new patients

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IT was a new high for Bengaluru, which reported 3,799 cases on Thursday, pushing up the total number of cases in the city to 1,84,082, with active cases at 41,053.

"The number of cases is high due to increased testing. Hence, the positivity rate has increased. With spaces opening up, there are more gatherings, and people don't adhere to social distancing. We cannot attribute the rising cases to inter-state travellers, as the existing population itself has thousands of cases, leading to a spread of the virus among primary and secondary contacts," said Dr Vijendra Bilaguli, BBMP chief health officer.

The highest number of cases in the city — 19 per cent — are reported from East zone in Bengaluru, as per the BBMP War Room bulletin of September 15.

Thursday saw 9,366 new cases, taking the Karnataka tally to 4,94,356 cases. The top five districts in terms of the day's cases include Bengaluru, Ballari (677 cases), Mysuru (591), Tumakuru (381) and Dakshina Kannada (308 cases).

A 1.5-month-old infant boy from Dakshina Kannada passed away due to Covid. He was admitted on September 4 and passed away on September 14. He suffered fever, breathlessness and cerebrovascular accident, the medical term for stroke. The department is yet to find the contact or travel history of the boy.

Tumakuru sees highest single-day spike in cases

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI
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THE district recorded a total of 10,203 cases with a single day spike of 257 on Thursday. The rate of people testing positive is 10 per cent with the total number of tests at 1,01,000. Daily, an average of 1,500 tests are conducted at various laboratories.

The death toll stood at 204 while the rate of recovery is over 73 per cent.

"With more early tests and recoveries, the mortality rate has come down from 3 per cent recorded a month ago to 1.4 per cent. There have been many asymptomatic cases, but most of them are on the recovery path," said District Health Officer Dr M B Nagendrappa.

The expansion of ICUs from 21 beds to 40 and setting up of the oxygen plant at the designated district general hospital will be done gradually, according to the district surgeon, Dr T A Veerabhadraiah.

Meanwhile, a private hospital in the city has been making the news for charging as high as Rs 35,000 per day for ICU. Three persons of a family who died a couple of weeks ago were billed about Rs 18 lakh, according to Guruprasad, a family friend.

Corona Kavach offers insurance for citizens above 65 too: IRDAI tells HC

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MEDICAL insurance for Covid-19 under the Corona Kavach policy is offered to all people at least up to the age of 65. For those above that age group, it is offered based on the insurers' underwriting policy and risk appetite, the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) told the Karnataka High Court on Thursday.

IRDAI filed a statement to this effect before a division bench headed by Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka in response to a PIL filed by Letzkit Foundation, seeking directions on providing either free or affordable medical insurance to the elderly.

IRDAI also said Corona Kavach provided coverage between Rs 50,000 and Rs 5 lakh for 3.5-9.5 months under the scheme. Also, there was a 5% discount on premium for health workers.

The regulatory authority said that providing insurance for free was not feasible as the premium of such policies would have to be cross-subsidised.

"If senior citizens are to pay lesser premium, the difference in the cost of policy will have to be cross-subsidised by people who are younger. The number of persons below the age of 40 taking health insurance policy is very low," IRDAI said, adding that increasing the premium in this sector could dissuade younger people from subscribing to health insurance.

IRDAI also denied the petitioner's allegation that there is no policy with reasonable premium, and said standard indemnity based policies such as Arogya Sanjivini are available. If insurers are not allowed to offer products based on sound actuarial principles, companies will become unviable.

Health workers collect swab samples for testing in Belagavi | ASHISHKRISHNA HP

'Cops probing drug case from multiple angles'

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SUPERINTENDENT of police Radhika G on Thursday said that the district police are probing the ganja case in multiple angles. Soon, Rudresh, the kingpin, who leased out the land to grow ganja, will be arrested, she said.

Speaking to TNIE, the SP said that the growing of such a large quantity of ganja raises suspicion of a drug peddling racket.

The ganja grown here is of premium quality and has a good rate in the market. The huge haul of 9,872 kg grown in 4.2 acres leased out land at Vaddarahalli in Rampura police limits was estimated at Rs 4 crore. The seizure was made on September 4.

On a tip off, Rampura police conducted the raid though the cannabis plantation amidst the hillocks was not easy to locate.

Sources from the police department said that Rudresh who hails from Sandur taluk of Ballari district used to get farm labourers from his native place and a majority were his relatives.

Rudresh was booked in two cases of growing cannabis at Sandur two years back and is facing criminal cases under The Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985.

SMOKING 'EM OUT

3 peddlers nabbed, 90kg ganja seized

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Central Crime Branch (CCB) police arrested three drug peddlers and seized 90kg of ganja. The accused are Azam Pasha (25), Mastan Ali (25), both residents of Belathur in Kadugodi, and Mohammed Abbas (27), a resident of AR Extension in Hoskote.

Police said that the Anti-Narcotics Wing recieved information that Pasha had stocked narcotics in a flat in Vindhyagiri BDA Apartment in Doddabanahalli, Kadugodi. Acting on a tip-off, police raided the flat and seized the contraband. Pasha was arrested, and after questioning, two of his associates were also arrested.

"Investigations revealed that the accused went to Vishakapatnam in Andhra Pradesh and purchased ganja from one Praveen. They brought the ganja on goods vehicles to the city, and stocked it in the flat. Through other small-time peddlers, they sold the ganja to students and others in Bengaluru City, Bengaluru Rural and other parts of Karnataka. They led a lavish life using the drug money," police said.

Police seized 90kg of ganja, three mobile phones, an SUV and a weighing machine from the accused, all amounting to about Rs 50 lakh. They are currently on the lookout for another accused Appu, a resident of HAL, who is absconding. A case has been registered at Kadugodi police station and further investigations are on.

In another drug bust, City Market police arrested one Vikram Khileri (25), a resident of Girinagar, who had hidden brown sugar (impure heroin) in his bike helmet.

"The accused was trying to sell the contraband in Patnoolpet. To avoid getting caught, he had packed brown sugar in sachets and had hidden them in his helmet. Investigations revealed that he used to send brown sugar to other districts via unsuspecting bus drivers. He told the drivers that it was prasadam. The drivers, who were paid Rs 100 for the job, would deliver the packages to customers," police said, adding that 90 grams of brown sugar have been seized from the accused.

More actors, sons of netas under scanner

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A day after the City Crime Branch (CCB) questioned actors Diganth Manchale and Aindrita Ray, investigation officers issued notices to a few other actors. Based on information revealed by arrested accused Viren Khanna, the officers asked those involved in supplying drugs at parties to appear before the CCB on Friday and Saturday.

A senior police officer said that Khanna, who used to send out invitations through text messages to VIPs, celebrities and budding actors, gave some more names of those involved in the drug racket. "We have issued notice to a senior actor as well, and don't want to reveal names at this stage," the officer said.

It is said that a couple of actors were caught by Jayanagar police in 2017, but action was not taken against them as police did not find strong evidence. One of them also met with an accident after consuming drugs, and escaped with minor injuries. The incident was not reported to police. The actor would also take his brother to parties on Vittal Mallya Road, the police officer added.

During interrogation, prime accused Ravishankar revealed the names of some politicians' sons too. Police sent notices and gathered details about their lavish lifestyles and bank cards.

Star couple Diganth and Aindrita at the CCB office in Bengaluru on Wednesday | SHRIRAM BN

Sanjjanaa did not sleep

Actor Sanjjanaa Galrani, who was remanded to judicial custody on Wednesday, did not sleep the whole night due to mosquitoes. She asked for a mosquito net, but jail officers said there were no such facilities in the cell. Though she shared the cell with actor Ragini Dwivedi, the duo did not speak much as Ragini was busy reading books.

Meanwhile, Aindrita Ray on Thursday spoke to the media at her house. "We are cooperating with CCB in the investigation and have instructed police not to reveal any details shared with the officer. We have answered all questions asked by CCB officers on Wednesday, and will again appear before CCB whenever we are called."

Forest dept scours Ghats for drug fields

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

IN the wake of rising ganja cultivation cases being reported in Karnataka, the forest department has decided to undertake a rigorous check in and around forest patches.

The decision came after the department unearthed ganja cultivation in Biligiri Rangaswamy Temple (BRT) Tiger Reserve on Thursday. A senior forest official told TNIE: "The drive will be undertaken by anti-poaching camp staffers and others. It is important to keep a check, especially in the high slopes of the Western Ghats. Forest areas are assumed to be safe havens for ganja cultivation, but it needs to be checked."

The official admitted that earlier, intensive drives would be undertaken, but they died down because of a lack of interest and rise in other crimes. But now, with rising cases, it has to be resumed. "There is also information that people from states like Kerala and Tamil Nadu are actively involved in ganja cultivation. They clear forest areas to grow it deep inside forests. The involvement of tribals and locals for commercial purposes and personal consumption cannot be ruled out," the official added.

The department is also worried as ganja grows like a weed, where one crop is removed and the rest grows by itself. Thus, a close watch and proper disposal is needed, the official pointed out.

"We are aware of some vulnerable pockets and places where it could be grown. Camera trap images are being used. There is also information that some tribals grow ganja for their consumption, and will be roped in to find where it is being grown. The racket needs to be busted at the ground level," the official added.

COPS ARREST TRIBAL, SEIZE 26 KG GANJA

A tribal from Belavatha village was arrested for growing 26.8 kg ganja in his fields in Chamarajanagar taluk. He had raised 134 ganja saplings. Chamarajanagar West police, on a tip-off, raided the fields and arrested Jadegowda. They are looking out for Madaiah, who helped Jadegowda in the crime. The accused was remanded in judicial custody, while the SP announced Rs 20,000 cash award for West police. District police also stepped up patrolling in remote areas to contain ganja cultivation. ENS

NIA grills Jaleel for 8 hrs

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Kochi

HIGHER Education Minister K T Jaleel's attempts to reach the National Investigation Agency (NIA) office secretively fell flat here on Thursday even as the agency grilled him for seven hours as part of a probe into the smuggling of gold through the baggage addressed to a diplomat in the UAE Consulate in Thiruvananthapuram.

The minister's interrogation by a second national agency, within a span of six days, added spark to Opposition parties' protests which turned violent in several parts of the state, including in front of the NIA office at Girinagar in Kochi.

Again, Jaleel attempted to reach the NIA office evading the attention of the media and the general public, but failed. Last week, he managed to reach the ED office clandestinely. He opted again for a private car, rather than his official vehicle, to reach the interrogation venue. Jaleel stayed at the PWD Rest House in Kalamassery and reached the NIA office in a car owned by former MLA and CPM leader A M Yousuf. He reached the NIA office premises at 5.55am and sat inside the car for a few minutes before coming out. The interrogation started around 9am, after investigation officer C Radhakrishna Pillai reached the NIA office by 8.20am, and lasted until 5pm.

However, to avoid the press, he alighted from the car on the way to the Guest House. He got into another private vehicle and left for Thiruvananthapuram. NIA will summon him again if further clarification is required.

Police take Youth Congress workers into custody for protesting against Higher Education Minister K T Jaleel in Kochi on Thursday | A SANESH

Gasti was surprise choice for RS seat

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"OUR prayers did not bear fruit. Though the first news turned to be false, finally fate had the last laugh. Sri Ashok Gasthi, 55 newly elected RS member passed away a few mnts ago due to #COVID19 infection. My thoughts with the family. Om Shanti", tweeted BJP national general secretary B L Santosh.

BJP state president Nalin Kumar Kateel said Gasti had worked for the party for several decades and had inspired workers through his dedication. State general secretary and MLC N Ravi Kumar said, "I am shocked by his sudden demise."

Earlier in the day, while he was still alive, confusion prevailed as condolences poured in on Twitter from several top-ranking leaders including Vice President Venkaiah Naidu, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, and state leaders including Health Minister B Sriramulu, Udupi-Chikkamagaluru MP Shobha Karandlaje and KPCC president DK Shivakumar. They later deleted their tweets.

Gasti, a native of Lingsugur in Raichur district in North Karnataka, was a practising lawyer. He was in the BJP since 1990 and worked in various capacities, including as general secretary of the party's OBC Cell. He was also chairperson of the Backward Class Development Corporation and closely associated with the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS). He started his political journey as an ABVP worker and was in charge of Ballari region. He had worked towards building the party base in Raichur district and hailed from the Savita Samaj micro community.

Many in the state, including those in the BJP, were taken by surprise when the party decided to field Gasti and Eranna Kadadi as the candidates in the RS elections as many senior leaders were lobbying for membership of the Upper House. Gasti and Kadadi from the BJP, former PM H D Deve Gowda from JDS and senior leader Mallikarjuna Kharge from Congress were elected unopposed to the Rajya Sabha in June.

Riots: CCB summons Sampath Raj again

BENGALURU: CCB, which is probing the DJ Halli riots case, summoned BBMP corporator and former Mayor Sampath Raj. This is the second time police have summoned him. Sampath Raj is DJ Halli corporator and his personal assistant Arun Kumar is already arrested.

Police said that Raj was summoned to appear before the investigation officer on Friday. Sources said the corporator was summoned again based on the statement made by Arun Kumar. "Arun had taken a new SIM card just a few days before the riots. The same SIM card was used to contact some of the people arrested before and after the violence. He was arrested in this connection but he claimed that the SIM card was used by the corporator. Hence, the latter was summoned," an official said. Sampath Raj had earlier been questioned on August 18. **ENS**

It's between me and goddess: Sriramulu

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WHEN the media asked the minister about his wish, he refused to divulge it saying "it is between him and the Goddess".

But later the priest revealed that Sriramulu's wish was to become Deputy Chief Minister. There is competition for the post between many ministers. Already there are three deputy chief ministers (Govind Karjol, Lakshman Savadi and Ashwath Narayan) in Yeddyurappa's cabinet. According to Mareappa, when he met Congress leader D K Shivakumar about a year ago, he advised him to visit the Durga Devi temple. After his release from jail, Shivakumar too had visited the temple before he was appointed as KPCC president.

If Sriramulu becomes the DyCM, there would be many netas making a beeline for the temple.

Kolar tomatoes find good domestic, global market

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @Bengaluru

TOMATO growers in Kolar are happy — their crop has found a good market not just in neighbouring states but also across the border in Bangladesh.

Kolar's APMC market saw about 6,000 quintals landing each day, and an annual turnover of ₹400 crore before the pandemic hit, making it one of Asia's largest markets for tomatoes. On average, tomato is grown on about 10,000 acres in the district, mostly in Mulbagal and Srinivaspura taluks.

However, the uncertainties induced by the pandemic resulted in a lower than usual harvest this year. "Due to the pandemic and the lockdown, many farmers did not cultivate the crop. Instead of 6,000 quintals, about 4,000 quintals arrive at the market each day now," APMC president B Venkatesh Kolar told TNIE.

Before the pandemic and subsequent lockdown disrupted international trade, tomato growers in Kolar exported their produce to Bangladesh, Pakistan, Afghanistan and China. With travel restrictions eased after the lockdown was lifted, exports to Bangladesh have resumed. Each day for the past few weeks, lorries laden with 400 tonnes of tomatoes have been making their way to the neighbouring country. "Every day, 20 lorries are sent to Bangladesh. It takes four to five days to reach the Bangladesh border from Kolar. They pass Kolkata and unload tomatoes at the India-Bangladesh border," Venkatesh said. Exports to the other three countries have not resumed as flight operations are yet to reach normal levels.

There is also good domestic demand in Kerala, West Bengal, UP, Delhi, Jharkhand, Tamil Nadu, Madhya Pradesh, and Gujarat, due to the poor harvest in other tomato-growing states.

"This created a demand for Kolar-grown tomatoes. The price of a 15kg box of tomatoes, which fell to ₹50, crossed ₹600. Two days ago, it touched ₹800 in auctions. During the pandemic, it has brought a smile to tomato growers in Kolar," said Muniraj, APMC market supervisor.

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PUBLIC AUCTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

The Borrower **Sri P.Manilan,** S/o late K.Panner Selvam, R/a No.941, 13th Main, 8th Cross, Gokul 1st Stage, Mathikere, Bengaluru-560054, The debt due to Bank as on **11.09.2020** of **Rs.23,19,445/-** + Interest & miscellaneous expenses. Auction sale under the securitization and reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforce of Security Interest Act 2002 Section 13(4) of the Immovable properties mortgaged to The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Ltd., is brought to Sale under **"AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION"on 19.10.2020, Monday at 11.00 am.**

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

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(4) The successful bidders shall bear all expenses like stamp duty, Registration fee etc., for getting the sale certificate Registered in his/her favour.

(5) The authorized officer shall have powers to accept or reject bids or postpone/cancel the auction without assigning any reasons thereof.

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2.	**A/C No: APML 64083466321/** DRS **Smt. Gowramma W/o Sri. Shivakumar & Sri. Shiva Kumar S/o Halage Gowda** No. 204 mahadeshwara Nager sathnoor road channapatana, Channapatana taluk- 562160	**Date : 16.09.2020. Rs. 4,64,072/- as on 15.09.2020 and interest from 16.09.2020 Demand Notice Rs. 4,35,648/- Date. 07.07.2020**	All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing Muncipalkatha NO 1576/204. (old k NO 122/123/410/119/1/3, measuring 40x60 sq feet , situated at MahadeshwaraNager ward NO 31 channapatana and bounded on: **East by:** property of malavegowda, **West by:** property of Ogegowda, **North by:** Road, **South by:** property of Ramanna
3.	**A/C No: APML/64119357098 /** DRS **Mr. M S Ramachandra S/o Shivalingaiah and Mr. M R Pavan Kumar S/o Ramachandra** No. 1914, Mahalaksmi Layout, 1st Cross, Church Road, Channapatna 562160. **Guarantor: Pramod Kumar S/o Ramachandra,** 1914, 1st Cross, Mahalaksmi Layout, Church Road, Channapatna.	**Date : 16.09.2020. Rs. 6,76,804/- as on 15.09.2020 and interest from 16.09.2020 Demand Notice Rs. 8,94,191/- Date. 07.07.2020**	All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing Khata No. 5458, Door No. 1914/A, 1st Cross, Mahalaksmi Layout, Church Road, Channapatna.Standing in the name of Sri M S Ramachandra, measuring 40 x 60' and bounded on: **East by:** Property of Nagaraju BM, **West by:** Site No.15 **North by:** Road, **South by:** Conservancy and Galli
4.	**A/C No: APML/64129740353 /** DRS **Sri Rajesh RM S/o Mariswamy, and Sri Mariswamy S/o Dasegowda,** #39, Rampura Village, Kasaba Hobli Channapatna Taluk 562160	**Date : 16.09.2020. Rs. 7,39,982/- as on 15.09.2020 and interest from 16.09.2020 Demand Notice Rs. 7,17,115/- Date. 07.07.2020**	All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing Khaneshumari No. 207/131/9, Situated at Rampura Village, KasabaHobli, Channapatna Taluk, Standing in the name of Mariswamy, measuring 44' x 68' and bounded on: **East by :** Site of Bhadramma Pichegowda **West by :** Site of Venkatarnalavaiah **North by:** Site of Kothipurada Sanjeevaiah **South by:** Raja Beedhi
5.	**A/C No: HBL/54041842154 /** DRS **Smt. Shylaja Bamini W/o Yogesh and Sri Yogesh TK S/o Krishnappa** No. 2262, BM Road Channapatna-562160	**Date : 16.09.2020. Rs. 7,98,180/- as on 15.09.2020 and interest from 16.09.2020 Demand Notice Rs. 11,98,774/- Date. 07.07.2020**	**SCHEDULE - "A"** All That piece and parcel of the property measuring 66225 Sq. Ft., bearing Khata No. 769 to 775 and clubbed as No. 775, situated in chikkalasandra village, UttarahalliHobli, Bangalore South Taluk and bounded by: **East :** Main Road, **West:** Property of Abbaiah Naidu Studio **North :** Main Road, **South:** Private Property **SCHEDULE - "B"** 566/66225 Undivided share, right, title, interest and ownership in Schedule – A Property (Which comes to 566 Sq. Ft. of Land Share) **SCHEDULE - "C"** All that three bedroom residential flat No. W1 -1, in Warner Block, First Floor in "Magan Golden Metro" constructed in Schedule – A property and apartment measuring 1580 Sq. Ft., of Super Built up area of which 1290 Sq. Ft., is Built-up area and Common area of 290 Sq. Ft., inclusive of proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common use with Covered Car Parking Space in the Basement floor and the said apartment is bounded by: **East by:** Driveway & Compound wall, **West by:** Lobby & Flat No. WJ-1 **North by:** Passage and Tristar Block, **South by:** Flat No. WH - 1
6.	**A/C No: APML/64111318502 /** DRS **Sri Rajanna S/o Late Siddegowda, 2. Smt. Tejaswini W/o Rajanna, 3. Sri Sunil Kumar S/o Rajanna** No. 1731, Ward No. 1, Mangalawarpet, 14thCross, Channapatna-562160. **Guarantor: Sri Mariswamygowda S/o B Channegowda,** # 1569, Layada Beedhi, Channapatna 562160.	**Date : 16.09.2020. Rs. 6,10,364/- as on 15.09.2020 and interest from 16.09.2020 Demand Notice Rs. 5,94,770/- Date. 07.07.2020**	**Property No: 1** All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing Khata No. 3631, D. No. 1731, Ward No. 1, Situated at Mangalwarpet, Channapatna Standing in the names of Tejaswini, Rajanna& Sunil Kumar, measuring 17'6" x 51'6" and bounded on: **East by :** House of Channankegowda, **West by:** Govt. Road **North by:** House of Ankugowda, **South by:** House of Huligegowda **Property No: 2** All that piece and parcel of the Land bearing Sy. No. 172/3, measuring 21 Guntas, standing in the names of Rajanna Sunil Kumar & Tejaswini, and bounded on **East by:** Land of Thimmamma **West by :** Land of Applicant **North by:** Road, **South by:** Land of Applicant
7.	**A/C No: APML/64155876745/** DRS **Smt. Jayalakshmi W/o Rajesh** Channankegowdana Doddi, Kudlur Post, Channapatna Taluk 562160. **Guarantor: Sri Manjunath H V S/o T Venkataiah,** Hodikehosahalli, Honganur Post, Channapatna Taluk	**Date : 16.09.2020. Rs. 7,98,511/- as on 15.09.2020 and interest from 16.09.2020 Demand Notice Rs. 7,77,491/- Date. 07.07.2020**	All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing Property No. 152900102300820049, Khaneshumari No. 69/97, Situated at Sunghatta Village, Neelasandra Gramapanchayath, Kasaba Hobli, Channapatna Taluk, Standing in the name of Jayalakshmi measuring 6.705 Mtr x 15.544 Mtr (22'x 51') and bounded on: **East by:** Property of Singrigowda, **West by:** Property of Narayana **North by:** Road **South by:** Property of Singrigowda
8.	**A/C No: APML/64215613928 /** DRS **1) Smt. Rathnamma W/o Govindaraju, 2) Sri Vijayakumar S/o Govindaraju #** 224, Hottigenahosahalli village, Malur Hobli, Channapatna Taluk 562160.	**Date : 16.09.2020. Rs. 3,18,319/- as on 15.09.2020 and interest from 16.09.2020 Demand Notice Rs. 3,04,890/- Date. 07.07.2020**	All that piece and parcel of the bearing Property No. 152900100600500365, Khata No. 344, Situated at Hottigenahosahalli village, MalurHobli, Channapatna Taluk, Standing in the name of Rathnamma, measuring 18.288 Mtr x 15.24 Mtr Totally measuring 2998.91 Sq. Ft., and bounded on: **East by:** House of Mariyamma, **West by:** Property of Baumathi **North by:** Remaining Property of Applicant, **South by:** Govt. Road
9.	**HBL A/C No: 64083468760/** DRS **SRI. MAHAVEERCHAND DS S/O Late Shantilal J Prop: vijay jewelers.** # 1137, MG Road, Channapatana-562160 Also @ NO. 6586, 3rd cross, ward No.8, Channapatana 562160	**Date : 16.09.2020. Rs. 4,47,038/- as on 15.09.2020 and interest from 16.09.2020 Demand Notice Rs. 4,33,076/- Date. 07.07.2020**	All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing D. no. 3092, municipal Khata NO, 6586, 3rd cross, ward NO.8, Channapatana, belonging to sri. Mahaveerchand DS, measuring 40 x 37 . and bounded on: **East by:** property No.10, **West by:** 20 feet road **North by:** 20 feet road, **South by:** House of Nagaraj

Date : 16.09.2020
Place : Channapatna

Sd/- Authorised Officer, STATE BANK OF INDIA
B M Road, Channapatna Branch

TAMIL NADU SLUM CLEARANCE BOARD

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, CHENNAI CIRCLE-I

Tender Notice No.SCB /522 / HD / SE (CC-I) / 2020 NOTICE INVITING TENDER Date:17.09.2020

For and on behalf of the Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board, one sealed tender consisting of two separate sealed covers one for Pre-qualification with EMD and other one for Technical Bid and Price Bid with name of work duly superscribed in both covers are invited from eligible Contractors who are in the field of Construction Industry and are registered contractors of TNSCB under Class I and above or Government Departments / Government undertakings / Government / Semi Government Bodies / Quasi Government / Public Sector undertakings / Housing Boards / Corporation Undertakings / CPWD and registered as a legal entity in India, by the Superintending Engineer, Chennai Circle-I, Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board, No.5, Kamarajar Salai, Chennai 600 005 **upto 3.00 PM on 19.10.2020** and the same will be opened at 3.30 PM on the same day in the presence of the Tender Scrutiny Committee and bidders / their authorised agents

Sl. No.	Name of work/Estimate No.	Approximate Tender Value (including GST@12%) (Rs. in lakhs) Period of contract	EMD (in Rs.)	To whom EMD / Tender Schedule cost to be Drawn
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1	**Construction of 384 Nos. of tenements** (G+5 storied) adopting **Mivon Technology** with internal water supply, sanitary and electrification arrangements with development works at **Mappedu Phase-II Village** in Thiruvallur Taluk at Thiruvallur District under HFA (AHP) CER.No.33/HFA/2020-21	3591.00 15 Months	18,06,000/-	Executive Engineer / Reconstruction Division, Chennai-10
2	**Construction of 336 Nos. of tenements** (G+3 storied) adopting Type Design 81(B) & (C) / 2017 with internal water supply, sanitary and electrification arrangements with development works at **Punugandoddi scheme,** Hosur Town in Krishnagiri District under HFA (AHP) CER.No.34/HFA/2020-21	3150.00 15 Months	15,85,000/-	Executive Engineer Vellore Division Vellore
3	**Construction of 332 Nos. of tenements** as per Type Design 33/2018 (G+3 floors) with internal water supply, sanitary and electrification arrangements with development works at **Salamangalam Phase-II village,** Kundrathur Taluk in Kancheepuram District under HFA (AHP) CER.No.35/HFA/2020-21	3053.54 15 Months	15,37,000/-	Executive Engineer Kancheepuram Division Kancheepuram
4	**Construction of 64 Nos.** of tenements as per Type Design 36A(R)/2019 (G+3 floors) with internal water supply, sanitary and electrification arrangements with development works at **Kayarambedu village,** Chengalpet Taluk in Chengalpet District under HFA (AHP) CER.No.36/HFA/2020-21	557.20 12 Months	2,89,000/-	
5	**Construction of 72 Nos. of tenements** as per Type Design 37G/2019 (G+5 floors) with development work at **Perumbakkam scheme Phase X** in Chengalpattu District under HFA (AHP) CER.No.37/HFA/2020-21	704.00 12 Months	3,62,000/-	Executive Engineer / Chennai Special Division, Chennai-119

The EMD should be drawn as Demand Draft or Banker's cheque or FDR or Irrecoverable Bank Guarantee from any Nationalised / Scheduled Banks, payable at Chennai in the prescribed form in favour of Executive Engineers mentioned in the **Column (5).** The tender documents are available at www.tenders.tn.gov.in **which can be downloaded from 18.09.2020 to 18.10.2020 upto 3.00 PM at free of cost.** The downloaded tender documents shall be submitted without any alternation, whatsoever it may be, in full shape or otherwise the tender will be liable for rejection. The tenderer shall keep a watch over the Website till the preceding date of tender for any corrigendum. If the due date of opening of the tender happens to be a holiday, the same will be received and opened on the succeeding working day without any change in time. clarification, if any on Bid Criteria and other details regarding the tender can be had on all working days from the office of the Superintending Engineer, Chennai Circle-I, TNSCB, Chennai 600 005.

The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons thereof.

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
CHENNAI CIRCLE-I

No.5, Kamarajar Salai, Chennai-600 005 DIPR/3492/TENDER/2020

TAMIL NADU SLUM CLEARANCE BOARD

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (CHENNAI CIRCLE-II)

Tender Notice No. SCB /941/D1/SE(CC-II)/2020 NOTICE INVITING TENDER Date:17.09.2020

For and on behalf of the Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board, One sealed tender consisting of two separate sealed covers one for Pre-qualification with EMD to be enclosed in A cover and another for price schedule with name of work duly superscribed to be enclosed in B cover are invited from the registered contractors of TNSCB under Class –I and above or Government Departments / Government undertaking / Public Sector Undertaking, registered as a legal entity in India by the Superintending Engineer, Chennai Circle-II, Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board, No.5, Kamarajar Salai, Chennai – 600 005 upto **3.00 PM on 19.10.2020** and the same will be opened at **3.30 PM** on same day in the presence of the Tender Scrutiny Committee.

Sl. No.	Name of work / Estimate No.	Approximate Value (Including GST) (Rs. in lakhs) Period of contract	EMD (in Rs.)	To whom EMD/ Tender Schedule cost to be Drawn
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1	Construction of 820 tenements adopting type design 12/2017 (Stilt + 14 Storeyed) **using Maivan Technology** including internal and external water supply, sanitary and electrification arrangements with development works at **Manali New Town Phase IV & Phase V** in Chennai Corporation Dn.15, Zone - II under HFA of PMAY (AHP). Estimate CER No: 21/HFA/2020-21	8620.00 18 Months	43,20,000/-	Executive Engineer/ Division-I, Chennai-081.
2	Construction of 80 Nos of Tenements adopting type design 68 D /2019 (G + 3 Storeyed) including internal and external water supply, sanitary and electrification arrangements with developments works at **Kandithampettai scheme** in Mannargudi Taluk, Thiruvarur District under HFA of PMAY (AHP). Estimate CER No: 22/HFA/2020-21	700.00 12 Months	3,60,000/-	
3	Construction of 528 Nos of Tenements adopting type design 68A, B, C & D /2019 (G + 2 Storeyed) including internal and external water supply, sanitary and electrification arrangements with developments works for GAJA affected families at **Aarukaduthurai Scheme** in Nagapattinam District under HFA of PMAY (AHP). Estimate CER No: 23/HFA/2020-21	6900.00 15 Months	34,60,000/-	Executive Engineer/ Cuddalore Division, Cuddalore-01.
4	Construction of 272 Nos of Tenements adopting type design 09 B & C /2020 (G + 3 Storeyed) including internal and external water supply, sanitary and electrification arrangements with developments works at **Semmandalam scheme** in Gundusalai, Cuddalore District under HFA of PMAY (AHP). Estimate CER No: 24/HFA/2020-21	2275.00 15 Months	11,48,000/-	

The EMD should be drawn as Demand Draft or Banker's Cheque or FDR or irrevocable Bank Guarantee from any Nationalized / Scheduled Banks, payable at Chennai in the prescribed form in favour of the Executive Engineer mentioned in **Column (5).** The tender documents are available at **www.tenders.tn.gov.in** which can be downloaded from **18.09.2020 to 18.10.2020 upto 3.00 P.M.** The downloaded tender documents shall be submitted without any alteration, whatsoever it may be, in full shape or otherwise the tender will be liable for rejection. The tenderer shall keep a watch over the Website till the preceding date of tender for any corrigendum. If the due date of opening of the tender happens to be a holiday, the same will be received and opened on the succeeding working day without any change in time. Clarification, if any on Bid Criteria and other details regarding the tender can be had on all working days from the Office of the Superintending Engineer, Chennai Circle-II, TNSCB, Chennai – 600 005.

The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons thereof.

No.5, Kamarajar salai,Chennai-600 005. DIPR/3493/TENDER/2020 **Superintending Engineer, Chennai Circle-II.**

TAMIL NADU SLUM CLEARANCE BOARD
PIU Circle, Salem
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
Form of Contract : Lumsum (Two cover System)

Tender Notice No.SCB/ 3460/SE/PIU Circle/2020 Dated : 17- 09-2020

For and on behalf of Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board, one sealed tender consisting of two separate sealed covers one for Pre-qualification with EMD to be enclosed in **"A" cover** and another for price schedule with name of work duly superscribed to be enclosed in **"B" cover** are invited from the registered contractors under Class –I and above in TNSCB / Government undertakings / Public sector undertaking, registered as a legal entity in India by the Superintending Engineer, PIU Circle, Salem., Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board, No. 3/2 Narayanasamy Street, Peramanur, Salem -636007 upto 3.00 PM on **19-10-2020** and the same will be opened at 3.15 PM on same day in the presence of the Tender Scrutiny Committee.

Sl. No	Name of Work	Work Value	GST 12%	Tender value Period of Contract (Rs.in lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)
1	Construction of 288 tenements adopting Type Design No. HFA 68A/2019, 68C/2019 (G+3) including internal water supply, sanitary and electrification arrangements with all development works at Settikarai in Dharmapuri LPA and Dharmapuri District under HFA CER/HFA/25/2020-2021	2188.00	263.00	2451.00 ..... 15 Months	1236000
2	Construction of 608 tenements adopting Type Design No. HFA 68A/2019, 68C/2019 (G+3) including internal water supply, sanitary and electrification arrangements with all development works at Adhiyamankottai in Dharmapuri LPA and Dharmapuri District under HFA CER/HFA/26/2020-2021	4522.00	543.00	5065.00 ..... 15 Months	2543000
3	Construction of 504 tenements adopting Type Design No. HFA 68A/2019, 68B/2019, 68C/2019 (G+2) including internal water supply, sanitary and electrification arrangements with all development works at Peechankuttai in Harur taluk in Dharmapuri District under HFA CER/HFA/27/2020-2021	3788.00	454.00	4242.00 ..... 15 Months	2131000
4	Construction of 912 tenements adopting Type Design No. HFA 68A/2019, 68B/2019, 68C/2019 (G+3) including internal water supply, sanitary and electrification arrangements with all development works at Ambethkar Nagar in Harur town Panchayat in Dharmapuri District under HFA CER/HFA/28/2020-2021	6467.00	776.00	7243.00 ..... 15 Months	3632000
5	Construction of 420 tenements adopting Type Design No. HFA 68B/2019, 68C/2019 (G+2) including internal water supply, sanitary and electrification arrangements with all development works at Nambipatti in Pappireddipatti taluk in Dharmapuri District under HFA CER/HFA/29/2020-2021	3131.00	376.00	3507.00 ..... 15 Months	1764000
6	Construction of 192 tenements adopting Type Design No. HFA 68C/2019 (G+2) including internal water supply, sanitary and electrification arrangements with all development works at Molianoor in Pappireddipatti taluk in Dharmapuri District under HFA. CER/HFA/30/2020-2021	1419.00	171.00	1590.00 ..... 15 Months	805000
7	Construction of 272 tenements adopting Type Design No. HFA 68A/2019, 68B/2019, 68C/2019 (G+3) including internal water supply, sanitary and electrification arrangements with all development works at Bodur in Pennagaram town Panchayat in Dharmapuri District under HFA CER/HFA/31/2020-2021	2023.00	243.00	2266.00 ..... 15 Months	1143000
8	Construction of 280 tenements adopting Type Design No. HFA 68A/2019, 68C/2019 (G+2) including internal water supply, sanitary and electrification arrangements with all development works at Kondagarahalli in B.Mallapuram Dharmapuri Taluk and Dharmapuri District under HFA. CER/HFA/32/2020-2021	2123.00	255.00	2378.00 ..... 15 Months	1204000

The cost of tender schedule and EMD should be drawn as Demand Draft or Banker's Cheque / Fixed Deposit from Nationalized/ Scheduled Bank, payable at Salem in favour of Executive Engineer, TNSCB, Salem Division. The tender documents may be obtained from the office of the Superintending Engineer, PIU Circle, Salem, Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board, 3/2 Narayanasamy Street, Peramanur, Salem -636007on written requisition along with cost of the tender document to a value of Rs.17,700/- upto 3.00 PM on **17-10-2020 The Conditions and other details may be seen in the tender documents and also the same will be made available on all working days in the office of the** Superintending Engineer, PIU Circle, Salem, Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board, 3/2 Narayanasamy Street, Peramanur, Salem -636007

The tender documents are also available at **www.tenders.tn.gov.in** which can be downloaded at free of cost. The tenderer shall keep a watch over the web site till the preceeding date of tender.

Condition for participating in the tenders may be seen from the website **www.tenders.tn.gov.in.**

The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons thereof.

3/2 Narayanasamy Street
Peramanur, Salem -636007. DIPR/3494/Tender/2020

Superintending Engineer, PIU Circle, Salem

EDITORIAL

We habitually erect a barrier called blame that keeps us from communicating genuinely with others, and we fortify it with our concepts of who's right and who's wrong. We do that with the people who are closest to us and we do it with political systems

Pema Chodron

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— Ramnath Goenka

FLAWED ANDHRA HIGH COURT GAG ORDER ON MEDIA

The Andhra Pradesh High Court did not cover itself in glory with its Tuesday late night order gagging the media from reporting the contents of an FIR registered by the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) against a dozen persons, including the former Advocate General of the state. Other than the claim of the petitioner that the case was "foisted" due to political vendetta, there were no substantive grounds for such an overriding order. It's not for the media to go into the merits of the FIR. Whether the ACB has enough material evidence to support its charges and would it pass legal scrutiny are better left to the process of trial. What should not be compromised until then is the right of the public at large to know what the charges are, more so because they were made against a person who held an important office in the previous regime and because the issue involves alleged pecuniary benefit.

That the high courts have powers to stop an investigation or even withdraw an order in a criminal case is known. We are also conscious of orders passed by the highest courts on occasions that reasonable restrictions on the right to free speech and fair trial can be imposed by a law that is fair, reasonable and proportionate. However, courts cannot invent reasons for placing such restrictions without sufficient explanation and valid grounds laid down under the law, such as those likely to affect the sovereignty and integrity of the country. An addition to the grounds is the propagation of hate, of late employed by the SC to impose restrictions as in the case involving Sudarshan TV.

It may not be out of place to restate here the observations in a report submitted by a six-member committee headed by former SC judge Ruma Pal, which went into the question of "Media Reporting in Courts: Balancing free press, free trial and integrity of judicial proceedings". The panel noted that the only external interference in the functioning of judiciary should be through carefully delineated methods of institutional accountability contained in the Constitution while ensuring that the credibility of the justice system brooks no restrictions. In the absence of an innately credible justice system, which ensures courts are respected for their judgments, rule of law itself becomes illusionary.

TROUBLED MINISTER & AN EDGY GOVERNMENT

The extended investigation by multiple central agencies into Kerala's diplomatic baggage gold smuggling case certainly has the state's LDF government struggling to defend itself. While the investigators were initially after CM Pinarayi Vijayan's then secretary M Sivasankar, it is higher education minister K T Jaleel they are pursuing now. Ever since he was questioned by the ED last week, opposition parties in the state have mounted a relentless attack—hitting the streets every day, insisting the minister must go. Now with the NIA too questioning the minister, the government's defence seems to have weakened further.

The fact is the minister isn't exactly being questioned on the gold smuggling attempt. For now, he is only being asked to explain the import and distribution of food and copies of the Quran through the UAE consulate, incidentally the channel used to smuggle the gold. While mere interrogation doesn't make him guilty, the way he has been dodging questions and his desperate use of the religion card when cornered indicate there's much he is hiding. His act of accepting gifts from another country's mission is seen as a violation of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act. Suspicion is also being raised about the contents of the consignments he received. Jaleel's claim that they contained copies of the Quran hasn't convinced everyone.

On its part, the Pinarayi government has stood strongly behind its troubled minister, with the CM and his Cabinet colleagues maintaining there's no need for him to resign. The same government had backed Sivasankar in the initial days of the investigation but later suspended him after he was repeatedly questioned by the agencies. Here too, the government may find it difficult to protect Jaleel if the investigators continue to pursue him. While it's essential to allow the agencies to do their job and wait for the outcome of the investigation, the LDF leadership will do well to consider the political implications of going all out to shield a minister under investigation, given that the Assembly election is just months away.

For the past six years, the BJP has been orchestrating defections before Assembly polls in various states to win the war of perceptions. However, it has drawn a blank in Bihar

THE LONELINESS OF BEING BJP IN BIHAR

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Charged by Congress leader Jyotiraditya Scindia joining his party, Bihar BJP spokesperson Nikhil Anand said in March this year that many Congress leaders in the state were going to do so too. However, six months later, the BJP is still waiting for MLAs, ex-MLAs or prominent people from opposition parties to come and join it in the election-bound state. The party was the first to launch its digital campaign and is investing huge sums of money in elections like earlier—which includes the recently inaugurated 'hi-tech' media centre in the posh Hotel Chanakya in Patna. Yet, no opposition politician of any stature seems to be interested in joining it to enhance his or her poll prospects. Does that mean political leaders in Bihar are not indulging in pre-election defections this time? No. On the contrary, Aaya Ram Gaya Ram or party-hopping by seasoned politicians in Bihar is in full swing. Albeit, the state BJP cuts a lonely figure in its own favourite game.

The stolen template: In the last six years, it has emerged as one of the indispensable parts of the BJP's electoral strategy to cause defections among rival parties and get them to join the saffron ranks, thereby winning in the war of perceptions—as to who is calling the shots. It used this in almost every state that it stormed since the 2014 elections, be it Jharkhand, Assam, Haryana or Uttar Pradesh. This process of big stalwarts from the Congress and other regional parties—be they Himanta Biswa Sarma in Assam, S M Krishna in Karnataka or a series of SP and BSP leaders in Uttar Pradesh—joining the BJP before the respective state Assembly elections has emerged as the new election template wherein the saffron party has been playing on the front foot. Strangely though, Bihar emerges as an exception to the trend. Rather, it is Nitish Kumar who seems to not only have stolen the show but rather is outmanoeuvring the BJP at every stage.

For instance, this year alone, six MLAs and five MLCs of the RJD have joined the JD(U). These include prominent figures like Parsa MLA Chandrika Rai (son of ex-CM Daroga Prasad Rai and estranged father-in-law of Tej Pratap Yadav), Jai Vardhan Yadav (son of iconic Yadav leader, late Ram Lakhan Singh Yadav), ex-ministers Faraz Fatmi, Qamar Alam, Prema Chaudhary, et al. The JD(U) also managed to get two Congress MLAs, Purnima Yadav and Sudarshan Kumar, this year, while two RLSP MLAs and one MLC joined the party last year itself. The RJD too managed to woo Shyam Rajak, who was the industries minister in the Bihar government and the JD(U)'s Dalit face, to join the party besides some small figures. This coming and going of leaders remains limited to the two main parties—the JD(U) and the RJD—and no figure of prominence has joined the BJP till now.

This turning the tables by Nitish turns out to be a bit surprising, as orchestrating defections in opponent parties and creating a spectacle of prominent faces from the opposition making a beeline to join it before the beginning of elections is a time-tested template of the BJP. However, what we see in Bihar is that politicians interested in changing loyalties to avail upcoming opportunities are more inclined to join the JD(U) or the RJD than the BJP, which leaves the party in a kind of fix. Despite being the 'moneybag' for the NDA and despite having the most consistent efforts in election preparations, the BJP still appears to be a marginal, or rather lonely, player, as far as appearing as an alluring platform for dissident leaders from the opposition ranks is concerned, ahead of the 2020 Bihar elections.

A replay of 2015: The 2015 BJP poll debacle, when the party contested 157 seats and won only 53, was blamed on a couple of factors like too much prominence to Central government leaders and schemes, insensitive comments by seniors and a lack of localisation of the campaign. Come 2020 and the same things are visible again. Though the party high command is publicly showing Nitish as the leader of the NDA camp in Bihar, it has also decided to fight the election on the work and name of PM Narendra Modi again. The reason for this, according to some party insiders, is an internal survey conducted by the party which reveals that Nitish is facing significant anti-incumbency this time and fighting the election on his name won't be a good idea. Hence the party is back to its 2015 model.

> Are political leaders in Bihar not indulging in pre-election defections this time? No. Party-hopping by seasoned politicians is in full swing in the state but it is the JD(U) and the RJD who are the only players

Further, as the campaign intensifies, the problem of insensitive comments is also emerging. Recently, when party president J P Nadda visited Darbhanga, he said people would never have thought that the union aviation minister would visit such a place. He also said that it is only when people vote for the BJP that such things happen and this would stop if the party loses. Many people from the Mithila region took strong exception to this on social media, noting that the royal family of Darbhanga was one of the first in India to start air travel, even before Independence.

Divisions in NDA camp: While the challenges from outside continue, things within the NDA camp are not all hunky dory. This is going to be the first Assembly election in the state where both the LJP of Ram Vilas Paswan and the JD(U) will be contesting from the same camp. This would mean that out of the 243 total seats, the LJP would at least want to retain the 42 seats it got in 2015. However, that seems difficult as the JD(U) is said to be insisting on taking 110 or more seats and even if the BJP agrees to reduce its own seats to 100, that would leave only 33 seats. The new entrant, Jitan Ram Manjhi's HAM, would also claim some seats out of those. It is for this reason that the LJP is giving repeated ultimatums to the JD(U) through Paswan's son Chirag. And the BJP seems to be encouraging this to pressurise Nitish to agree to reduce his demands and contest an equal number of seats as the saffron party. But even if that happens and both agree to contest on 100 seats each, the LJP will have to reduce its seats given the demands of the HAM that need to be adjusted within the remaining 43 seats.

Hence, the real electoral dynamics in the ensuing election in Bihar is not between the moves and counter-moves of the opposition and the ruling dispensation. Rather, it is the Machiavellian contestations between Nitish Kumar and the BJP that seem to have emerged as the main electoral script.

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TRIALS ON TV AND THE LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK

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Media trials relating to sensational cases have come to periodically dominate prime-time television news recently. The race for TRPs and the influence of political parties over the media are often blamed as causes. The negative impact of these media trials raises the question as to whether it is time to impose stricter restrictions regulating them. To answer this question, an understanding of the constitutional framework and existing legislative framework is paramount.

Legal framework and balancing of rights: Balancing of fundamental rights, on most occasions, involves tight-rope walking. On the present topic, multiple fundamental rights need to be balanced—the right to freedom of expression of the media, enshrined in Article 19(1)(a) of the Constitution, on the one hand with the right to privacy of the accused, witnesses and victims (which has been read into Article 21) and the right to free and fair trial of the accused, which is guaranteed by a conjoint reading of Articles 20-22, on the other. The former is subject to some reasonable restrictions including restrictions "in relation to contempt of court". Such restrictions will have to be imposed only by legislative law.

The restrictions currently in force are a combination of self-regulation, in the form of Guidelines issued by the Press Council of India and some provisions under the Contempt of Courts Act ("CCA") that implicitly deem a publication "which interferes with or tends to interfere with, or obstructs or tends to obstruct, the course of justice" in connection with a "pending" civil or criminal proceeding contemptuous. A criminal proceeding is "pending" in so far as the accused is concerned when the charge sheet or challan is filed or when a court issues a summons or a warrant; and in relation to any other person, when the court takes cognisance of the matter to which the proceedings relate.

Analysing the various fundamental rights and the provisions of the CCA, the Supreme Court, in the Media Guidelines case, has declared that "excessive prejudicial publicity leading to usurpation of functions of the court" would interfere with the administration of justice. The Supreme Court has also upheld the right of an affected person to file a writ petition seeking a "postponement order", postponing the publication/broadcast in cases where there is "real and substantial risk of prejudice" to the trial process.

Shortcoming of the existing framework and suggested solution: The restrictions imposed by the CCA apply only to "pending" proceedings. This statutory provision was enacted without considering a prior finding of the Supreme Court in A K Gopalan v Noordeen (A K Gopalan) that the trigger point should be the arrest of an individual in relation to the case. The standard in England is similar to the test set out in A K Gopalan. The Law Commission of India, in its 200th Report, has suggested legislative amendments to bring the CCA in tune with the A K Gopalan test. This report, however, has not been acted upon.

> Media trials on television, in the quest for TRPs, lead to the question as to whether stricter restrictions are needed.... To answer this, it is necessary to understand the constitutional and existing legislative frameworks

The A K Gopalan trigger, though far preferable to the existing standard, is still inadequate considering the recent downward spiral in reporting standards on television. Perhaps a more appropriate test to adopt is the test of "imminent legal proceedings" that is applied in Australia and New Zealand. Such a standard would mean that media coverage would come under the scanner right from the time legal proceedings are imminent.

Such a standard is necessary because a media trial can impede the administration of justice in many ways. While the most popular argument against a media trial is the fact that it could have a psychological impact on the judge hearing the case, a possibly even more important facet is the impact on the investigation process itself. In many investigations, the truth comes out when hard questions are put to the witnesses/accused for the first time during the investigation. However, where the witnesses/accused have a trial run before a news channel or are given an opportunity to analyse the various permutations and combinations and viewpoints provided by rival television channels, the person gets an idea about the trajectory of the investigation and prepares himself/herself accordingly. At the end of the day, justice suffers. The "imminent legal proceedings" standard would cover the entire investigation process, including investigation prior to arrest, whereas neither the present standard nor the A K Gopalan standard would cover it.

An equally important factor is the presumption of innocence until proven guilty and the court's duty to protect this presumption. This role of the court can be best performed if the "imminent legal proceeding" standard is adopted. This would also provide legal recourse to a person whose right to privacy is trampled upon by the media prior to the commencement of legal proceedings.

Conclusion: Restrictions placed on fundamental rights cannot be static and need to change with developments in society. The standard currently in place is reflective of society and the media in 1971, when the CCA was enacted. The abject failure of television media to regulate itself has necessitated greater stringency in the restrictions on the freedom of the press. Continuance of legislative status quo on the issue of media trials will itself result in trampling of the rights of accused, witnesses and victims.

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Cops forced to toe govt line

Our police force has never been free from the influence of those in power (*Visible police bias in probe into Delhi anti-CAA riots*, Sep 17). There are many instances of honest cops getting punished. So they find it better to dance to the tunes of the government of the day.

Hemanth Bhide, Mangaluru

Viewers' choice

This is with reference to the opinion article *TV news spectacle is a dangerous distraction* (Sep 17). If the 'spectacle' is what viewers wish to watch, so be it. We live in an age where there is freedom to watch and freedom to broadcast.

Raghunandan M, Chennai

The breaking news disaster

The breaking news phenomenon has affected TV channels. It appears that sensationalism has become more important than the truth.

S A S Sarma, Hyderabad

Name it after Nobel laureate

The division of Anna University into two entities, one for affiliation and the other for research, is a welcome move. But both having a similar name could cause confusion. The research entity can be named after C V Raman or Subrahmanyan Chandrasekhar, physicists who have won the Nobel. Though they are from Tamil Nadu, there is no university or research institute named after them in the state.

V Krishnaswami, Tamil Nadu

LGBTs still face issues

The Centre has opposed a petition seeking same-sex marriage. Two years after Section 377 was scrapped, not much seems to have changed for the LGBT community. They continue to face issues at the workplace, over property rights and so on. There are 29 countries where same-sex marriages are legal, but it appears that India might not join them any time soon.

Animesh Mishra, Bhubaneswar

Utility of plasma therapy

This is with reference to *Need clarity on plasma therapy* (Sep 16). There have been contradictory studies on its effectiveness. The ICMR has its task cut out and should shed light on the issue.

Raju Kolluru, Kakinada

Rising prices & export ban

On Wednesday, the onion price at HOPCOMS was ₹45 per kg. For me, it appeared exorbitant as only last week, I had bought them at ₹21 per kg. Then why is Sri Sharad Pawar asking the Centre to rethink the ban on export of onions?

L Kamalaksh Rao, email

On Bengaluru violence

This is with reference to *DJ Halli violence spontaneous: Report* (Sep 17). The violence caused extensive damage, to the poor in particular. The so-called fact-finding report by a group of 24 people, whose names have not been mentioned, should not have been taken at face value by the newspaper as seems to be the case.

Shiva Kumar, Bengaluru

Take action against them

It seems action might not be taken against farmers if they return the stolen money (*PM Kisan Scheme: ₹50 lakh recovered in Nagapattinam, Sep 15*). Will this not embolden other fraudsters?

T M Raju, Chennai

No need to self-flagellate

While we needn't exaggerate about our past (*Anything you dream is fiction*, Sep 13), we needn't self-flagellate either by viewing it through our current Westernised glasses. There is nothing wrong in drawing inspiration from our past. We also needn't unduly idolise technology, for the harmful effects of some of its applications are surfacing after a few decades.

U Atreya Sarma, Hyderabad

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Amit Shah @AmitShah
Greetings on Hyderabad Liberation Day...I salute all who fought bravely to liberate the people from cruel and inhuman rule of Nizam & Razakars.

Sitaram Yechury @SitaramYechury
Current fabricated narrative of Delhi police persecuting peaceful CAA protesters is criminalising dissent allowing perpetrators to go free.

Rahul Gandhi @RahulGandhi
Massive unemployment has forced the youth to call today #NationalUnemploymentDay. Employment is dignity.

Oppn leaders meet Prez over Delhi riots probe

Leaders from the opposition parties met President Ram Nath Kovind seeking a judicial probe into the Delhi riots case and expressed concern about the manner in which the Delhi Police is investigating the incidents. Congress leader and MP Ahmed Patel, CPM general secretary Sitaram Yechury, CPI general secretary D Raja, DMK leader Kanimozhi, RJD leader Manoj Jha met the President and handed over a memorandum.

No quota for Anglo Indians

There is no proposal to provide reservations to the Anglo-Indian community in jobs and educational institutions, the government said in Parliament. Union Minister of Minority Affairs Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi told the Lok Sabha that it has no separate data on the economic and social status of Anglo-Indians. He was responding to questions by YSRCP'sTalari Rangaiah who asked if there is any proposal to provide reservations to Anglo-Indians.

'Raw caste census data will not be made public'

The raw caste Census data shared with the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment by the Ministry of Home Affairs would not be made public. The ministry would not be categorising or classifying the data further. Earlier, there were contentions on making the data public. On Wednesday, the MHA told Parliament that the raw data was handed over to the Social Justice Ministry for classification and categorisation.

Lok Sabha passes two agri sector Bills amid protest by SAD, oppn

Opp slams govt for stepping into states' domain, Tomar says the move will end licence raj

Opposition MPs stage a protest demanding the clearance of GST dues to the states at Parliament House on Thursday | PTI

MANISH ANAND @New Delhi

AFTER marathon spirited discussions on the contentious agricultural reform legislations, dubbed draconian by the Opposition, the Lok Sabha passed The Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Bill, 2020, and The Farmers' (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Bill, 2020, with voice vote.

While the Opposition slammed the government for stepping in states' domain, the government asserted that the legislations will end the licence raj in agriculture, saying farmers will continue to have choices to sell their produce by paying 8.5 per cent taxes at mandis or at zero tax under the proposed mechanism.

Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Narendra Singh Tomar said opposition to the legislations was motivated by political reasons, while giving details of pro-farmers measures taken by the government. He read out the Congress manifesto for the 2014 Lok Sabha elections wherein it was promised that the party would abolish the APMC Act and amend the Essential Commodities to the requirements of the changed times.

SAD's Sukhbir Singh Badal opposed the Bill saying they were against the farmers. The Opposition also strongly protested the legislations, claiming that they will corporatise farming to benefit the traders. "There is a sinister attempt by the Centre to legislate on subjects under the state list," said Mahua Moitra, Trinamool MP. The sense was endorsed by scores of the Opposition MPs, who said the bills would take away the safety nets provided by the state regulations through the APMC Act, while also eroding the revenue sources of the states.

Countering the criticisms, Tomar said the contract farming would not benefit the corporates but the farmers. While asking what laws prevail in states to protect the interests of the farmers, he stressed that the legislations provide for mechanism to protect the cultivators, with land being out of the scope of the contract.

Tomar said the states impose levies to the tune of 2 to 8.5 per cent as mandi tax, with farmers benefiting from no taxes under the proposed legislations.

8 Oppn parties hold protest over GST dues

NEW DELHI: MPs from eight Opposition parties protested in front of the Mahatma Gandhi statue in Parliament premises demanding immediate clearance of GST payments to states amid a shortfall of revenue.

MPs from TMC, DMK, TRS, SP, AAP, NCP, RJD and Shiv Sena participated in the protest that lasted for around 15 minutes and saw leaders like Akhilesh Yadav, Supriya Sule, Manoj Jha, Sanjay Singh, among others, holding banners and posters and beating thalis.

The protest came ahead of a scheduled debate on GST in the Rajya Sabha.

At the GST council meeting on August 27, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had acknowledged that states are likely to face a massive GST revenue gap this year, as the economy may contract due to Covid-19, which she termed an unforeseen "act of God".

Addressing a press briefing later, Trinamool Congress MP and national spokesperson Derek O'Brien said the Congress was not invited for the protest. "It is increasingly becoming clear to us that in Parliament, the regional parties are finding it easier to coordinate with each other to strategise. The Congress can no longer decide the subject and then the dosage of opposition strategy. They cannot do something in the states and seek support in Parliament," he said. *ENS*

Fatality rate for doctors 10 times higher than country

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @New Delhi

THE Covid-19 case fatality rate (CFR) for doctors could be as high as ten times that of the general population, the data compiled by the Indian Medical Association — the largest body of doctors in the country — shows.

As per the IMA figures, till Wednesday, 382 of the 2,238 infected practitioners of modern medicine have succumbed to the infection, which means that the CFR for doctors is 17.06% while the overall CFR due to Covid-19 in the country is less than 1.7% now.

The list of 382 doctors who have died so far, majority of them general physicians, also includes government doctors and private professionals who are not IMA members.

"Doctors are probably paying one of the heaviest prices in the pandemic, but we are shocked at the government's apathy and indifference towards us," said Dr R V Asokan, general secretary of the association.

Earlier this week, while making a statement on Covid-19 situation in Parliament, Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan had said the government does not have data on the infection prevalence and fatalities among healthcare staffers.

Asokan said this callous response showed that the Centre has been "superficial" in its talks of respect for 'Covid warriors' who are the most vulnerable to the disease while trying to save the lives of lakhs of patients.

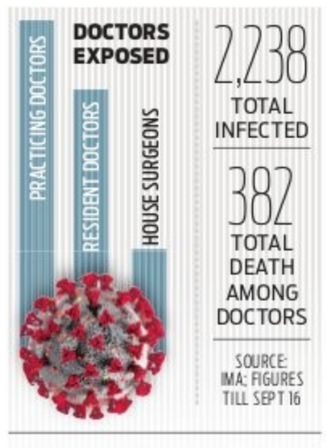
IMA officials said while the association's database may not be exhaustive, with many more actual cases of infection and deaths missing, it was the government's duty to maintain and track such a list.

Many countries — the Center for Disease Control in the US, for example — keep a database on Covid-19 impact on the healthcare personnel, they pointed out.

Last week, in a 48-page report submitted to the parliamentary standing committee on health, the IMA wrote that "doctors suffer a higher viral load and a higher CFR (as a community)".

They could have stayed at home during the epidemic safely but chose to serve the nation in the best traditions of the medical profession, it pointed out.

"All doctors who have laid down their lives in fighting this epidemic should be treated at par with the martyrs of Indian Armed Forces and acknowledged appropriately," said the report, adding that the surviving spouse or dependent should be provided a government job as per their qualifications.



HOPE FOR COVID-19 VACCINE NEXT YEAR

The government is hopeful that the Covid-19 vaccine would be available to India by 2021, but it will take time to reach the entire 135 crore population of the country, Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan said in the Rajya Sabha on Thursday. He defended the government's handling of Covid-19. On the opposition MPs' charge that state governments were not taken into confidence while imposing lockdown, he said PM Narendra Modi held talks with all chief ministers and experts on the issue.

EXPRESS READ

Amit Shah discharged from AIIMS-Delhi

New Delhi: Union Home Minister Amit Shah, who recently recovered from Covid-19 and was admitted to AIIMS for a complete medical check-up, was discharged on Thursday evening, officials said. He was admitted to the premier hospital on September 12. Earlier on Thursday, the home minister addressed an event in his constituency Gandhinagar in Gujarat through video conferencing.

Army chief visits J&K to assess LoC situation

Srinagar: Army Chief General M M Naravane on Thursday reached here on a two-day visit and took "a firsthand asssessment" of the situation along the LoC in north Kashmir, a Defence spokesperson said. During his interaction with soldiers deployed in the high altitude areas, he appreciated their high morale and complimented them on their response to Pakistan's ceasefire violations, the spokesperson said.

FAIR TRIAL

'Jadhav must get Indian lawyer in Pak'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@New Delhi

INDIA on Thursday said Pakistan must appoint an Indian lawyer or the Queen's counsel to ensure a free and fair trial for former Indian Navy officer Kulbhushan Jadhav.

"The government of Pakistan has not been able to fulfill its obligations on implementation of the ICJ judgment in letter and spirit. It has not yet addressed the core issues, which includes provision of all documents related to the case, providing unconditional and unimpeded consular access to Kulbhusan Jadhav and appointment of an Indian lawyer or a Queen's counsel to ensure free and fair trial," Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Anurag Srivastava said.

Jadhav was arrested in 2017 in Pakistan on charges of espionage. He was later sentenced to death by a military court. India had subsequently moved the ICJ in the case which had directed Pakistan to stay the execution, provide consular access and form a mechanism for Jadhav to file a review.

Earlier this year, Pakistan said Jadhav had refused to file a review and moved the Islamabad High Court seeking the appointment of a lawyer for Jadhav. India has insisted on appointing an Indian lawyer for Jadhav after accusing Pakistan of providing consular access in an intimidating atmosphere.

VETO

No AG nod to contempt case against scribe

NEW DELHI: Attorney General K K Venugopal refused to give his consent to a plea seeking to initiate contempt of court proceedings against senior journalist Rajdeep Sardesai over his tweets on the Prashant Bhushan case verdict.

Rejecting the request to initiate contempt proceedings, the AG said the statements of Sardesai were "not of so serious a nature as to undermine the majesty of the Supreme Court or lower its stature".

The top law officer's response came on an application filed by an Astha Khurana over the tweets posted by Sardesai on the SC verdict against Bhushan. "The reputation of the Supreme Court as one of the great pillars of our democracy has been built assiduously over the last 70 years. Trifling remarks and mere passing criticism though perhaps distasteful are unlikely to tarnish the image of the institution," Venugopal said.

Astha had claimed he had disrespected the SC and made a deliberate attempt to erode public faith in the judiciary. She had cited five tweets to support her claim, one of which said, "Breaking: Rs 1 token fine imposed by SC on @pbhushan1 in contempt case.. if he doesn't pay it, then 3 months jail sentence! Clearly, court looking to wriggle out of an embarrassment of its own making." *ENS*

'China should work with India for complete disengagement'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

INDIA on Thursday said both New Delhi and Beijing must focus on easing tensions in friction areas along the LAC even as China said it was imperative for India to correct its mistakes.

"Both sides should focus on easing tensions in the friction areas by refraining from any actions that may lead to an escalation in the situation. This requires strict adherence to the bilateral agreements and protocols and not making unilateral attempts to change the status quo," MEA spokesperson Anurag Srivastava said.

He also urged the Chinese side to work sincerely with India for complete disengagement at the earliest from areas including the Pangong Tso as well as for de-escalation in border areas in accordance with the bilateral agreements and protocols. "We hope the Chinese side will strictly respect and observe the LAC and not make further attempts to unilaterally change status quo," Srivastava said.

A Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson said China's frontline troops had been observing the agreements between the two sides. "The troops are committed to safeguarding China's sovereignty and territorial integrity and also maintaining peace and tranquility in border areas. It is imperative for India to correct its mistakes, realise disengagement on the ground and take concrete action to ease up tensions in the relevant areas."

On the issue of snooping by a Chinese company, India said it had taken up the issue with Beijing which claimed that the company was a private entity and had no connections with the government. The government has constituted an expert committee under the National Cyber Security Coordinator to study these reports, evaluate their implications, assess any violations of law and submit its recommendations within 30 days," Srivastava said.

IAF's Apache helicopter flies overLadakh on Thursday amid tension with China | PTI

SNOOPING IN INDIA

Zhenhua Data Information Technology has been allegedly monitoring over 10K prominent citizens including President, PM

ARMY CREATES HABITAT FOR 20,000 TROOPS IN LADAKH

MAYANK SINGH @New Delhi

ANTICIPATING the tensions all along the eastern Ladakh sector getting protracted, the Army has completed creation of habitat for more than 20,000 soldiers. There has been two-stage preparation right from the front on the Line of Actual Control to deeper areas.

A senior Army officer said, "We inducted more engineer troops to complete all operational requirements and have completed the temporary defence closer to the LAC. Also, Arctic Tents have been erected to meet the conditions of high altitude and sub-zero temperatures."

Pre-fabricated structures in the rear, a little deeper, have been raised for the troops positioned to quickly react whenever the Chinese try to gain numerical superiority. These habitats have heating mechanism to beat the extreme cold and freezing conditions.

Every soldier in the forward areas has been provided with Special Clothing and Mountaineering Equipment (SCME) with each kit costing more than ₹1 lakh, said the officer.

Major General SB Asthana (Retd), Defence Analyst said, "For faster needs in such contingencies, Director Generals of Military Operations, Military Intelligence and Operations and Logistics under the Vice-Chief give direction to the other directorates." MI gets the information, MO makes the operational plan and OL provides the logistics support under the Vice Chief of Army Staff.

All requirements including ration and ammunition have been stocked at various echelons. The forwards area troops have extra stocks to meet the requirements of more than 15 days; for those in rear the extra stock is of over a week.

Regulate digital media first, it has wider reach than TV channels: Centre tells SC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

THE Centre on Wednesday told the Supreme Court that if it desired to undertake the exercise to regulate the media, then it should first do so for digital media and not electronic media because social platforms have a faster and wider reach.

The submission came in a case wherein the top court had restrained Sudarshan News from telecasting its show *Bindas Bol*, hosted by the channel's editor-in-chief, Suresh Chavhanke. During the brief hearing on Thursday, the bench slated the hearing for Friday.

In its affidavit, the Centre stated, "It is submitted that while in a mainstream media (whether electronic or print), the publication/ telecast is a one-time act, the digital media has faster reach from wider range of viewership/readership and has the potential to become viral because of several electronic applications like WhatsApp, Twitter, Facebook...

While in a mainstream media (electronic or print), the publication/ telecast is a one-time act, the digital media has faster reach from wider range of viewership/readership —I&B Ministry affidavit

Considering the serious impact and the potential, it is desirable that if this Hon'ble Court decides to undertake the exercise, it should first be undertaken with regard to digital media as there already exists sufficient framework and judicial pronouncements with regard to electronic and print media."

Terming the digital media as parallel media, the Centre claimed that web-based news portals and YouTube channels as well as OTT platforms should be included in the mainstream media, along with the print and electronic.

Chavhanke submitted a 91-page affidavit that said, "It is not that all contributors to the Zakat Foundation are terror-linked...However, some of the contributors are linked to organisations or are organisations that fund extremist groups. The funds received by the Zakat Foundation, in turn, are used to support aspirants for IAS, IPS or UPSC...I am doing investigative journalism. I feel it is my duty to awaken the citizens and the government about anti-national and anti-social activities and the modus operandi."

BUFFER AREA

The Uttarakhand government has banned any protest in the radius of 200 meters around Kedarnath temple. The orders come after a priest who was protesting since June in front of the temple had to be airlifted to AIIMS -Rishikesh after his condition worsened on September 7.

10K FARMERS IN HARYANA AGAINST STUBBLE BURNING

Ahmedabad	35	25	Mumbai	32	25
Bhopal	34	24	Panaji	30	24
Jaipur	37	27	Patna	33	26
Amritsar	37	25	Lucknow	37	27
Chennai	32	25	Port Blair	28	23
Kolkata	33	28	Imphal	31	21
Srinagar	30	12	Chandigarh	36	26

Three way out for Maratha quota

Maharashtra govt can either issue ordinance, file review petition or approach larger SC bench

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

THE Maharashtra government is exploring various options to ensure reservation for the Marathas in the state.

The Supreme Court on Sept 9 referred the petitions challenging Maharashtra's 2018 law — the Socially and Educationally Backward Classes (SEBC) Act, which granted 16% quota to the Maratha community — to a larger constitutional bench. The court also stayed the law's implementation.

The Bombay High Court had upheld the law in June 2019, but it had reduced the quota to 12% in education and 13% in jobs.

> **The MVA government did not even change the legal team set up by the previous government. We are exploring avenues as to how to provide relief for Marathas in jobs and admissions**
>
> Ashok Chavan, Maharashtra PWD minister

Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray said on Thursday that his government was committed to the Maratha reservation and that a final decision would be taken soon.

Sources said the state government is exploring three options: issue an ordinance, file a review petition against the Supreme Court's interim order and approach the larger constitutional bench.

Thackeray has sought to pacify the Maratha community that has threatened agitation, saying "this is their government, so there is no point in protesting". The CM called an all-party meeting on Thursday which was attended by Deputy CM Ajit Pawar and Opposition leader Devendra Fadnavis.

The CM said the SC verdict was "unexpected", and that the government was thinking on what relief could be given to the Maratha community till the final SC verdict is out.

Ashok Chavan, chairman of a sub-committee for the Maratha reservation has said the Supreme Court's order is only an interim order. "There is hope... we will approach a constitution bench and get justice," he said.

Describing the SC's interim order as "unexpected and surprising", Chavan said the law had been unanimously passed by the state legislature.

Maharashtra Home Minister Anil Deshmukh has said that 1,300 posts out of the total 12,500 would be reserved for the Maratha community.

Seers seethe over quarrying ban on pink stone in R'than

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

SEERS and VHP leaders have warned the Rajasthan government of "repercussions" over restrictions imposed by the government on the extraction of pink stone from the Bansi Paharpur range in Bharatpur district of the state.

They have asked the grand old party to resolve it at the earliest so that supply of the stone needed for construction of Ram temple in Ayodhya could be restored.

As reported earlier, the Ashok Gehlot government had stopped mining of pink stone in Bansi Paharpur range over the royalty issue.

The saffron outfits have threatened a nationwide stir against the restrictions.

Mahant Kamal Nayan Das, the heir of Mahant Nritya Gopal Das, the temple trust chairman, said the stone would be required as the construction would commence immediately after test piling was over in October.

"As the stones would reach Ayodhya, carving and cutting would have to be started. It is a time-consuming process. So, the Rajasthan government must resolve all issues. If there is undue delay in supply of stones from Bharatpur, it will be taken as another ploy by the Congress to stop construction of Ram Mandir," said the Mahant.

The pink stone of Bansi Paharpur is considered most durable and capable of withstanding the vagaries of nature for over 5,000 years.

Sources said while the trust was about to place an order for 4.5 lakh cubic feet stone worth ₹36 crore, the Bharatpur district administration has allegedly put restrictions on the extraction of the stone from the quarry till further orders. The stone costs around ₹800 per cubic feet.

Given its strength, pink stone remains in high demand for construction of monuments and heritage buildings. Many such pieces of architectural wonders such as the Red Fort, Parliament House, Buland Darwaza, Akshardham temple, Somnath temple, and Iskcon temples are a testimony to the beauty and strength of the pink stone.

Last year, the state government received the stone mining royalty to the tune of ₹28 crore. As per norms, till anyone promises a higher royalty amount than the previous season, the restrictions over mining could not be lifted, sources said.

For the last three decades, pink stone has been sourced from Bansi Paharpur by the Vishva Hindu Parishad (VHP) leaders who had been overseeing work of cutting and engraving at Ram Janmabhoomi *karyashala* (workshop) in the temple town.

Plain slabs and carved stones are lying at Sri Ram Janmabhoomi Nyas Karyashala in Ayodhya were also sourced from Bharatpur.

UP mulls scheme to fund pilgrimage of labourers

The Uttar Pradesh government is considering a scheme to fund religious trips of labourers employed in various enterprises in the state. The scheme is likely to benefit around 1.5 crore labourers working in over 20,000 factories, workshops and around 6.5 lakh commercial establishments in the state. Sources said UP CM Yogi along with Union Labour Minister Santosh Gangwar is likely to announce the scheme, named after Swami Vivekananda, on November 10. The day coincides with the birth anniversary Dattopant Thengadi, an RSS ideologue who founded the Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh (BMS), the trade union wing of the Sangh Parivar.

MP minister's poll brag lands her in trouble

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

WCD minister Imarti Devi has landed in trouble after a video of her emerged where she is purportedly heard saying that the government can ask collectors for a seat and can get it too.

In the video which has gone viral, the Jyotiraditya Scindia loyalist is heard saying, "We've to win just eight seats, while they (the Congress) have to win at least 27. The government has such a majority that it can ask the collectors for a seat and can get it too."

Congress leader JP Dhanopia reported the matter to the MP poll body on Thursday, alleging that such speeches clearly expose that those ministers who could be the BJP candidates in the bypolls might misuse their post and official machinery to win the ballot battle.

"We've demanded that all such ministers, who are no longer MLAs, but continue to be ministers in the BJP government be removed from their ministerial post," Dhanopia said.

But Devi said her statements were distorted. "I only reacted to the Congress claims that they are going to win all the seats."

J&K Police said Thursday's gunfight was the seventh encounter in Srinagar this year | ZAHOOR PUNJABI

Three Hizb militants, woman killed in Srinagar gunfight, CRPF man injured

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

THREE Hizbul Mujahideen militants and a woman were killed while a CRPF deputy commandant injured in a gunfight in Srinagar on Thursday.

Director General of Police (DGP) Dilbagh Singh said 177 militants, including 20 foreigners, were killed in 72 gunfights in J&K this year.

Singh said the J&K Police and the CRPF launched a search operation at Batamaloo area of Srinagar in the early hours after receiving information about the presence of militants. Batmaloo, a congested area, is barely a km away from Civil Secretariat and Police Control Room (PCR).

During the search operation, troops came under fire from militants hiding in a house. The gunfight ended with the death of the three Hizbul militants and the woman, Kousar Riyaz, who was caught in the crossfire, Singh said.

CRPF deputy commandant Rahul Sharma was rushed to Army hospital in Srinagar for specialized treatment.

The slain militants were identified as Zakir Ahmad Paul of Shopian, Ubair Mushtaq Bhat of Kulgam and Adil Hussain Bhat of Awantipora.

Police said the trio was involved in several attacks in Srinagar and South Kashmir.

Youths of the area fought pitched battles with security men during and after the gunfight. The cops fired tear smoke shells to disperse the stone pelting youth.

52 kg explosives seized

Security forces recovered over 50 kgs of explosives from two underground dumps in south Kashmir. 416 gelatine sticks and 50 detonators were recovered. The detonators were destroyed on the spot due to the risk of carrying and transporting.

EMERGENCY NEEDS

HC overrules govt order for ensuring oxygen stock

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

THE Madhya Pradesh High Court has directed a Mumbai-based private company to ensure uninterrupted supply of liquid medical oxygen to MP despite the Maharashtra government's recent circular that 80% oxygen stocks be used only for hospitals within the state itself.

Hearing a petition filed by Indore's MY Hospital which sought uninterrupted supply of oxygen, the court granted interim relief to the petitioner on Wednesday.

"This court keeping in view the totality of the facts and circumstances of the case is of the opinion that the learned counsel for the petitioner MY Hospital has been able to make out a prima facie case for grant of interim relief. By way of interim relief, the Inox Air Products Pvt. Ltd is directed to continue supply of liquid medical oxygen to Madhya Pradesh, including the petitioner hospital, without being influenced by the Maharashtra government's September 7 circular, meaning thereby, the supply of liquid medical oxygen to the State of Madhya Pradesh be done by the private company uninterruptedly, until further orders," the court said.

The counsels of the MY Hospital stated that even the Centre has shown great concern in respect of the circular issued by Maharashtra. They drew the court's attention towards the September 10 letter addressed by the Centre advising all the states to continue the existing oxygen supply under agreements with a legal obligation to fulfil such agreements.

MP is importing liquid medical oxygen from Maharashtra, Gujarat and Chhattisgarh, the petitioner said. About 100 tonnes per day is required while hospitals need 270 - 280 tonnes of liquid medical oxygen per day keeping in view the rise in the number of Covid patients, it said.

Thrashed for selling beef, Assam man to get ₹1 lakh

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Guwahati

THE National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has ordered the Assam government to pay a compensation of ₹1 lakh to a Muslim man who was assaulted by vigilantes for serving beef at his eatery.

The order was issued based on a complaint lodged by Leader of Opposition Debabrata Saikia of the Congress. The Commission took a strong note that neither the Chief Secretary replied to a showcause notice nor the Director General of Police (DGP) submitted the action taken report against the guilty policemen.

On April 12 last year, Shaukat Ali, 48, had to be hospitalised after he was attacked by the vigilantes for serving beef at his eatery at a village market in Biswanath district. Some policemen allegedly remained mute spectators.

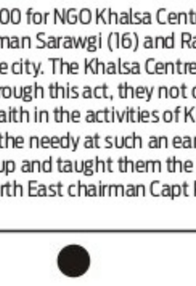
"The victim was found insulted and disgraced on the basis of caste/religion and therefore, human rights of the victim were violated. Police apprehended 15 persons and forwarded them to judicial custody. Thus, prima facie it is a case of violation of human rights of the victim for which the state is vicariously liable to compensate the victim," the NHRC said.

The Commission directed the Assam chief secretary to release ₹1 lakh to the victim and submit a report along with proof of payment within six weeks. If the action taken report is not received within four weeks, action will be taken under relevant acts," it warned.

Ex-Maoist poster boy out to win over OBCs for Didi

PRANAB MONDAL @ Kolkata

CHHTRADHAR MAHATO, the poster boy of Maoists over a decade ago and now a Trinamool inductee, has been asked to lead the party's class battle. As a member of the Trinamool state committee, he is tasked to consolidate the OBC vote bank in Jangalmahal.



Mahato belongs to the Kurmi community whose 35% vote share could be a decisive factor in Jhargram, West Midnapore, Purulia and parts of Bankura district in the Assembly polls due early next year.

The Trinamool leader has hit the ground running in Lalgarh. "In at least 20 Assembly constituencies, the Kurmi vote is crucial. By giving Chhatradhar a berth in the party's state committee, Mamata Banerjee has sent a message as to how important the community is," said a senior TMC leader.

Trinamool's internal assessment after the massive jolt the party received in Jangalmahal in the 2019 general election revealed a change in Kurmis' political alignment. In 2019, the TMC lost all five Lok Sabha seats in Jangalmahal.

TMC sources said Mahato's prime responsibility would be to bring back the votes of his own community that shifted to the BJP. "We have repaired the damage in tribal vote bank. If we regain the Kurmis' confidence, regaining strength in Jangalmahal won't be a tough task," said another TMC leader.

"I am visiting remote pockets of the entire region, interacting with common people and assessing what had led them to change their political allegiance," Mahato said.

EXPRESS READ

PDP leader out of detention in Kashmir

Srinagar: Senior PDP leader Naeem Akhtar was released from detention after over a year by the J&K government. "After 407 days of detention am informed that I am free to move about," Naeem tweeted. The former state minister was under house arrest after his release from detention.

CRPF jawan shoots himself in C'garh

Raipur: A CRPF personnel committed suicide at a base camp in the strife-torn Sukma district in south Chhattisgarh. Assistant sub inspector Shivanand, 49, a resident of Karnataka, shot himself with his service rifle AK-47, the CRPF said. No suicide note was found at the site.

Senior IPS officer stripped of all charges in Haryana

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

ADDITIONAL director general of police (administration) Arshinder Singh Chawla was divested of all the charges on the directions of Haryana Home Minister Anil Vij due to the slow progress of ₹Dial 112' centralised project of police control helpline number.

The senior officer, who was awarded the President's Police Medal for distinguished service this year, has proceeded on a 15-day leave.

Vij made an unannounced visit to the Haryana Police Headquarters in Panchkula on his way to his office in the Haryana Secretariat.

The minister had told DGP Manoj Yadav to withdraw work from Chawla as the officer had reportedly not made any progress in the 'Dial 112' project which was launched in February. The project was to be completed in two months.

"As it was a 24X7 helpline number for the assistance related to PCR, women and health helpline, I stopped to check if the orders were issued. The DGP gave me a copy of the order withdrawing work," said Vij. "Chawla has been sitting on the project for over a year and had made no headway. Not only that I was never briefed about the project leaving me with no option but to withdraw his work."

Sources said that Additional DGP (Modernisation) Alok Kumar Roy will look after the work of telecom department in addition to his duties.

While Additional DGP (law and Order) Navdeep Virk will have additional charge of general administration branch and IT, Additional DGP (Headquarter and Crime Against Women) Kala Ramachandran will look after the Establishment Branch I, the legal cell and the training branch. All these charges were earlier with Chawla.

Youngsters raise funds to fight hunger

Two youngsters raised ₹ 57,000 for NGO Khalsa Centre North East to help it fight hunger during lockdown. Naman Sarawgi (16) and Rajveer Agarwal (12) were felicitated at a function in the city. The Khalsa Centre feeds people at a langar at the hospital every week. "Through this act, they not only showed their interest in serving the society but also faith in the activities of Khalsa Centre North East. They have started caring for the needy at such an early age. This shows how their families have brought them up and taught them the values of serving the humanity," Khalsa Centre North East chairman Capt PP Singh said.

GUWAHATI DIARY

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Stockpiling oxygen to fight pandemic

The Assam government has installed an oxygen tank at the Gauhati Medical College and Hospital, which is the state's largest healthcare facility. The health department wanted to ensure that there is no shortage of oxygen given its rising demand since the outbreak of Covid-19 pandemic. One more oxygen tank will be installed at the facility. Official sources said patients would be provided with oxygen through a centralized pipeline that would be connected to the tank. The government plans to take a similar measure at six other medical colleges and hospitals in the state. The state needs 10MT of oxygen every day to treat the Covid-19 patients. Assam gets a large number of patients from other Northeast states as well.

Traffic cop earns kudos for her honesty

Social media users praised Rwisumwi Basumatary, a traffic police personnel, as she returned ₹20,500 and documents which a man had misplaced. She had found a wallet lying on a road and after going through the documents, she found the phone number of the rightful owner. "Basumatary of Panbazar Traffic found a wallet lying on HB Road with cash ₹20,500 and imp documents. She found phone number of owner & informed him & his belongings were returned," the Guwahati Traffic Police tweeted. When the matter came to light following this tweet, the netizens expressed plaudits.

NIA charge sheet against ULFA rebels

The NIA filed a charge sheet against seven members of United Liberation Front of Assam (ULFA) for their role in the killing of a police officer two years ago. Three cadres were arrested earlier while four are absconding. The accused were booked under various sections of IPC, UAPA, Explosive Substance Act and Arms Act. On May 4, 2018, a combined team of the police and para-military forces had launched an operation at a village in Tinsukia district. When the personnel closed in on a house, the militants had opened fire killing sub-inspector Bhaskar Kalita. He was officer in-charge of local police station.

1.1 mn students

in New York had their school reopening delayed again over safety concerns

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	27	13	SNY	Los Angeles	32	18	SNY
Colombo	29	25	TDS	Melbourne	17	12	LR
Dhaka	34	26	LC	Moscow	13	7	LR
Dubai	40	27	SNY	New York	23	11	LC
Houston	32	20	SNY	Singapore	32	26	LC
Istanbul	28	19	LC	Toronto	16	6	SNY
London	22	14	SNY	Washington	24	13	HR

Trump scorns own scientists, pushes mass vaccination

Experts believe a safe and highly effective vaccine is several months way

WASHINGTON

OPENLY contradicting the government's top health experts, President Donald Trump predicted Wednesday that a safe and effective vaccine against the coronavirus could be ready as early as next month and in mass distribution soon after, undermining the director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and calling him "confused" in projecting a longer time frame.

Trump also disagreed with Dr. Robert Redfield about the effectiveness of masks — which the president recommends but almost never wears — and said he'd telephoned Redfield to tell him so.

Earlier in the day, the CDC sent all 50 states a "playbook" for distribution of a vaccine to all Americans free of cost when one is proven safe and effective — which is not yet the case. Redfield told a congressional hearing that health care workers, first responders and others at high risk would get the vaccine first, perhaps in Jan or even late this year, but it was unlikely to be available broadly, again assuming approval, before late spring or summer.

Redfield also spoke emphatically of the importance of everyone wearing protective masks to stop the pandemic. He floated the possibility that a vaccine might be 70% effective in inducing immunity, and said, "I might even go so far as to say that this face mask is more guaranteed to protect me against Covid than when I take a Covid vaccine."

Trump would have none of that from the CDC director. "Vaccine is much more effective than the mask," he declared.

As for vaccinating Americans, Trump said Wednesday, "We think we can start sometime in October."

Trump made the prediction even though the vaccine is still being tested in human subjects, and some health experts have said they believe a safe and highly effective vaccine is several months way, if not much longer. CDC sent a planning document on Wednesday to US states, territories and some big cities. Vaccines likely will have to be given in two doses spaced weeks apart and will have to be refrigerated.

Agencies

US President Donald Trump and Dr. Robert Redfield, the director of Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) | AP

NEW SEX ASSAULT ALLEGATION AGAINST TRUMP

Washington: A former model has accused US President Donald Trump of groping and forcibly kissing her in 1997 -- the latest allegation made against the Republican incumbent just weeks before he seeks reelection. She told Britain's The Guardian that Trump sexually assaulted her in his VIP suite at the US Open tennis tournament in New York -- claims he denied via his lawyers.

'Chinese nationals hacked Indian networks'

WASHINGTON

THE US Justice Department has charged five Chinese citizens with hacking over a 100 companies and institutions in America and abroad, including the Indian government's networks, and stealing valuable software data and business intelligence.

Deputy US Attorney General Jeffrey Rosen on Wednesday announced three indictments have been unsealed in the matter that collectively charge five Chinese nationals with computer hacking and charge two Malaysian nationals for helping some of those hackers target victims and sell the fruits of their crime. The Malaysian nationals were arrested on Sunday and the Chinese nationals have been declared fugitive, according to a Justice Department statement. *PTI*

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that our client has negotiated to purchase the Schedule Property from Mr. G. GOPAL, S/o Late Ganapathy Subramaniam, aged about 81 years, residing at Flat No. D 702, Shriram Samrudhi Apartments, Kundalahalli Gate Vartur Main Road, Bangalore -560 066, for valuable consideration. Any person(s) claiming any right, title or interest of whatsoever nature over the schedule property is called upon to lodge such claim with the undersigned, with supporting documents within 7 days from the date of this publication. In the event no such claim(s) is received within the stipulated time, it shall be lawful for our client to presume that there are no valid claim(s) adverse to Mr. G. Gopal's right, title and interest in the schedule property and proceeds with the proposed sale transaction.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of Residential property bearing Site No.45, BBMP Katha No.45, PID No.35-45-45, situated at 1st Cross, in the layout formed by G.K.W. Precision Pressings Division Employees House Building co-op Society Ltd, in Sy.Nos.377/1, 378/1, 378/3, 379/2, 379/3 and 379/4, of Kempapura Agrahara at Marenahalli near Hosahally extension, BBMP Ward No.35, Bangalore, measuring East to West 40 feet, and North to South 30 feet, totally measuring 1200 Sq. Feet or 111.41 Sq. Mtrs, together with residential building comprising of Ground and First Floor and bounded on the

East by : 30 feet Road,
West by : Site No. 55 & 56.
North by : Site No.46 and
South by : Site No. 44.

M/s. B.M. Associates, Advocates, No.7/1, G.J. Complex, 100 feet road, Indiranagar 1st Stage, Bangalore -560 038.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that, my client **Mr JAYASHEEL G @ JAYASHEEL REDDY G** S/o K Gopal Reddy R/at No.121, Rainbow Residency, Junnasandra, Sarjapura Road, Bengaluru-560035 intends to purchase the schedule property;

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of immovable agricultural property bearing survey No.113, measuring 1 (one) Acre 35 (thirty five) Guntas, situated at Dommasandra Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District, bounded on the;

East by: Road; West by: Property belongs to D.S.Veeranjaneya; North by: Property belongs to V Rama Reddy; South by: Property belongs to Dr B.Nagappa;

from its present Owner Mr GURUVA REDDY S/o Late Chinnappa Reddy, R/at Devarabeesanahalli Village, Bellandur Post, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru-560037.

Person/s having any right/s/interest/title or claim/s over the aforesaid property may lodge their written objections/claims along with documentary proof/evidence within 7 days from the date of publication of this public notice to the under mentioned. In the absence receipt of any objections/claims within the above said period, it shall be deemed that there are no such objections/claims or that if there are any objections/claims which are not made/lodged within the said period, shall be deemed to have been waived and my client would proceed with the sale transaction in respect of the aforesaid property.

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Ref: 454706680000037 Date: 14.09.2020

POSSESSION NOTICE
[Rule - 8 (1)] (For immovable Property)

Whereas: The undersigned being the authorized Officer of the **Union Bank of India, Vijinapura Branch,** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security interest (Enforcement) Rules ,2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **10.12.2019** calling upon the Borrower **Smt Mahalakshmi** w/o K H Ramakrishnaiah and **Sri K H Ramakrishnaiah, (Co-applicant),**to repay the amount mentioned in the notice of **Rs.13,20,783.86** (Rupees Thirteen Lakhs Twenty Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Three and Eighty Six paise only) and interest thereon, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the Security interest Enforcement) Rules 2002 on this **15th day of September 2020.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Union Bank of India, Vijinapura Branch** for an amount **Rs.13,20,783.86** (Rupees Thirteen Lakhs Twenty Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Three and Eighty Six paise only) and interest from **30.11.2019**

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of Secured Assets:

All that Piece and Parcel of the residential property bearing house No.272, CMC Khatha No.272/45, New BBMP Khatha No.739/515, PID No.070-W0505-3, Y No. 45/1, 2nd Main, Chowdeshwari Nagar, Yeshwanthpura Hobli Bangalore. Area:1200 Sft Boundries: East: 2nd Main Road, West: House No 273, North: House No.268, South :House No.285 .

Date: 15.09.2020 Chief Manager
Place: Bengaluru Union Bank of India

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TAMIL NADU SLUM CLEARANCE BOARD, MADURAI CIRCLE
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
FORM OF CONTRACT : " LUMPSUM" (TWO COVER SYSTEM)

Tender Notice No. SCB/780,781,782,783,784 & 785/DB/2020 Dated:17.09.2020

For and on behalf of Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board, sealed tenders consisting of two separate sealed covers one for Pre-qualification with EMD to be enclosed in 'A' cover and another for price schedule with name of work duly superscribed to be enclosed in 'B' cover, are invited from the registered contractors under Class-I and above in TNSCB / Government Departments / Government undertakings by the Superintending Engineer, Madurai Circle, Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board,169.K.K.Nagar Main Road, Madurai - 20 up to **3.00 PM** on **19.10.2020** and the same will be opened at **3.15 PM** on the same day in the presence of the Tender Scrutiny Committee.

S.No	Name of Work	Tender Value / Period of contract / Rs.in Lakh	EMD (in Rs.)
1	Construction of 64 tenements (G+3) adopting T.D.No.22/2017 including internal water supply, sanitary and electrification arrangements including development works at Avaniapuram, Madurai Corporation in Madurai District under HFA, Vertical-III (AHP) of PMAY. **CER-Madurai No.1/HFA/2020-21**	582.70 / 15 Months	3,01,400/-
2	Construction of 288 tenements (G+3) adopting T.D.No.22/2017 including internal water supply, sanitary and electrification arrangements including development works at Kumarapuram in Aralvaimozhi TP Kumarapuram Village of Kanyakumari District under HFA, Vertical-III (AHP) of PMAY. **CER-Madurai No.2/HFA/2020-21**	2389.60 / 15 Months	12,05,000/-
3	Construction of 64 tenements (G+3) adopting T.D.No.22/2017 including internal water supply, sanitary and electrification arrangements including development works at Esanthimangalam Village of Kanyakumari District under HFA, Vertical-III (AHP) of PMAY. **CER-Madurai No.3/HFA/2020-21**	531.74 / 15 Months	2,75,900/-
4	Construction of 384 tenements (G+2) adopting T.D.No.31/2017 including internal water supply, sanitary and electrification arrangements including development works at Uthamapuram in Uthamapalayam Taluk Theni District under HFA, Vertical-III (AHP) of PMAY. **CER-Madurai No.4/HFA/2020-21**	3394.70 / 12 Months	17,08,000/-
5	Construction of 376 tenements (Twin Type) adopting T.D.No.37/2018 including internal water supply, sanitary and electrification arrangements including development works at Meikilarpatti in Aundipatti Taluk Theni District under HFA, Vertical-III (AHP) of PMAY. **CER-Madurai No.5/HFA/2020-21**	3443.20 / 12 Months	17,32,000/-
6	Construction of 252 tenements (G+2) adopting T.D.No.31/2017 including internal water supply, sanitary and electrification arrangements including development works at Valasadurai Road in Bodinayakanur Taluk Theni District under HFA, Vertical-III (AHP) of PMAY. **CER-Madurai No.6/HFA/2020-21**	2364.40 / 12 Months	11,93,000/-

The cost of tender schedule, EMD should be drawn as Demand Draft or Banker's Cheque from Nationalised / Scheduled Bank payable in favour of the Executive Engineer, Madurai Division, TNSCB, payable at Madurai for **S.No.1** and in favour of **the Executive Engineer, Tirunelveli Division,TNSCB,** payable at **Tirunelveli** for **S.No.2 to 6.** The tender documents may be obtained from the office of **the Superintending Engineer, Madurai Circle, TNSCB,169.KK Nagar Main Road, Madurai - 20** on written requisition along with cost of the tender document to a value of Rs.17,700/- (Non refundable) upto **3.00 PM** on **17.10.2020**

Conditions for participating in the tenders may be seen from the website **www.tenders.tn.gov.in.**

The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons thereof.

169,K.K.Nagar Main Road, Opp. Jawagar Hospital, Madurai 625 020. DIPR/3485/TENDER/2020

Superintending Engineer, Madurai Circle.

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU

Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department

Notice Inviting Tenders for supply of Ordinary Portland Cement (OPC) 43 Grade for the year 2020-21

1. For full details, visit **www.tntenders.gov.in**
2. e-Bids are invited by the Project Director, DRDA of all Districts of Tamil Nadu state under two cover system, for supply of (OPC) 43 grade Cement for the year 2020-21.
3. The bid documents can be downloaded free of cost from **www.tntenders.gov.in** from **21.9.2020** to **20.10.2020.**
4. Common date and time for downloading of Bid document, submission and opening:
   (i) Last Date and Time for downloading and Online Submission of Bid Documents : **20.10.2020** Upto **3.00 PM**
   (ii) Date and Time of online opening of Bid Documents : **20.10.2020. 4.00 PM** onwards

DIRECTOR,
DIPR/3486/TENDER/2020 Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department.

THE INSTITUTE OF MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES CHENNAI
(Department of Atomic Energy, Govt. of India)

Date: 17.09.2020

Advt.No.: 04-T/IMSc/2020

Sealed tenders are invited for the following works from the eligible firms up to 15:30hrs on 15.10.2020 which will be opened at 15:35hrs on the same day.

Sl.No	Work	EMD Rs.
1	Internal painting and interior works and modification works in Main building	9,468/-
2	Replacement of water supply and sewage pipe line works for Auditorium	3,414/-

For details please visit **https://www.imsc.res.in/tenders** Sd/- REGISTRAR

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU

HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT

Tamil Nadu Road Sector Project – II - ICERS Cell (Loan No.8499-IN)

Assignment Title : **Supply and Installation of Driving Testing Simulator for Licensing Purpose including ancillary services in Kanchipuram and Tiruvannamalai Districts**

Reference No : IN-TNRSP- 178132 -GO-RFB

Request for Bid - National Competitive Bidding (Through e-Procurement)

The experienced vendors are invited to bid for carrying out the above mentioned assignment. The Bid with credentials must be submitted through online **www.tntenders.gov.in** Further details are available in the website: **www.tntenders.gov.in & www.tnrsp.gov.in**

The Bid Document available in online from **18.09.2020** at **15:00 hours** and Last Date for submission of Bids through online **19.10.2020** at **15:00 hours**. Any Clarification (or) Addendum will only be published in e-procurement portal.

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Corporate office: Kotak Infiniti, Bldg No 21, Infinity Park, General AK Vaidya Marg, Malad (E), Mumbai – 400 097 www.kotak.com

AUCTION - NOTICE

That the below mentioned Borrower/s had availed gold loan facility against security of the gold ornaments/ items, as specified below. The Borrower/s defaulted in due repayment of the instalments and outstanding dues and as a result of which the Bank was constrained to issue notices calling upon the Borrower/s to repay the outstanding amounts. However, the Borrower/s has failed to repay/clear his outstanding dues thereby compelling the Bank to auction the gold ornaments pledged in favour of the Bank.

The auction of the below mentioned gold ornaments would be held at :- Respective Branches
Date: 29.09.2020 Time: 11.00 AM

Apac	Account No	Borrower Name	State	Location	Branch	Gr. wt (Gms)
GLN1692946	GLN1692946	Devang Kishorekumar Shah	Karnataka	BANGALORE	AVENUEROAD	82.39
GLN1597589	GLN1597589	Devang Kishorekumar Shah	Karnataka	BANGALORE	AVENUEROAD	113.29
GLN1541242	GLN1541242	Kalaiselvi K T	Karnataka	BANGALORE	BASAVSWRNR	33.56
GLN1543746	GLN1543746	Sharanappa V Kalagi	Karnataka	BANGALORE	BASAVSWRNR	30.27
GLN1763755	GLN1763755	R Ramani	Karnataka	BANGALORE	BASAVSWRNR	49.62
GLN1787493	GLN1787493	Shailaja N H	Karnataka	BANGALORE	BASAVSWRNR	212.23
GLN1787489	GLN1787489	Shailaja N H	Karnataka	BANGALORE	BASAVSWRNR	215.28
GLN1775465	GLN1775465	Shailaja N H	Karnataka	BANGALORE	BASAVSWRNR	204.7
GLN1553189	GLN1553189	Arun Kumar V	Karnataka	BANGALORE	BOMMANAHA	56.7
GLN1795494	GLN1795494	Alagappan K	Karnataka	BANGALORE	BSANKARI	16.06
GLN1760342	GLN1760342	Alagappan K	Karnataka	BANGALORE	BSANKARI	47.4
GLN1799725	GLN1799725	Santhosh Kumar B	Karnataka	BANGALORE	BSANKARI	157.02
GLN1795031	GLN1795031	Santhosh Kumar B	Karnataka	BANGALORE	BSANKARI	196.91
GLN1799706	GLN1799706	Santhosh Kumar B	Karnataka	BANGALORE	BSANKARI	351.62
GLN1758052	GLN1758052	Yuvaraj Bazari	Karnataka	BANGALORE	BSANKARI	75.03
GLN1752660	GLN1752660	P R Rajasekhar	Karnataka	BANGALORE	DEVASANDRA	51.9
GLN1329751	GLN1329751	Prashant Sureshrao Kulkarni	Karnataka	BANGALORE	DEVASANDRA	133.1
GLN1706250	GLN1706250	Siripireddy Jayachandrareddy	Karnataka	BANGALORE	DEVASANDRA	130.8
GLN1727183	GLN1727183	Deekshith S	Karnataka	BANGALORE	DEVASANDRA	128.6
GLN1651587	GLN1651587	Basavaraj M	Karnataka	BANGALORE	FRAZERTOW	56.27
GLN1638477	GLN1638477	S Subash Chander	Karnataka	BANGALORE	FRAZERTOW	41.71
GLN1775557	GLN1775557	S Subash Chander	Karnataka	BANGALORE	FRAZERTOW	30.52
GLN1706187	GLN1706187	S Subash Chander	Karnataka	BANGALORE	FRAZERTOW	128.4
GLN1772029	GLN1772029	Asma Begum	Karnataka	BANGALORE	FRAZERTOW	15.54
GLN1755769	GLN1755769	Asma Begum	Karnataka	BANGALORE	FRAZERTOW	23.37
GLN1778380	GLN1778380	Asma Begum	Karnataka	BANGALORE	FRAZERTOW	32.9
GLN1670596	GLN1670596	Asma Begum	Karnataka	BANGALORE	FRAZERTOW	43.97
GLN1740029	GLN1740029	Sikindar Basha S	Karnataka	BANGALORE	FRAZERTOW	29.8
GLN1731740	GLN1731740	Sibghathulla Khan	Karnataka	BANGALORE	INFANTRYR	51.72
GLN1194520	GLN1194520	Saleem N	Karnataka	BANGALORE	INFANTRYR	255.38
GLN1778192	GLN1778192	Mr Premkumar	Karnataka	BANGALORE	INFANTRYR	25.46
GLN1784318	GLN1784318	Suresh P	Karnataka	BANGALORE	INFANTRYR	37.84
GLN1475181	GLN1475181	Ashokkumar Ranganathgowda Bittugondanahalli	Karnataka	BANGALORE	INFANTRYR	68.83
GLN1443292	GLN1443292	S Govindan	Karnataka	BANGALORE	JAKASANDRA	73
GLN1619357	GLN1619357	Gaurav Chauhan	Karnataka	BANGALORE	JAKASANDRA	234.17
GLN1404419	GLN1404419	Vishnupriya Dutta	Karnataka	BANGALORE	JPNGR2	41.22
GLN1754695	GLN1754695	Birra Ramesh	Karnataka	BANGALORE	JPNGR2	139.9
GLN1615648	GLN1615648	Pradeepa .	Karnataka	BANGALORE	KAMNHALI	42.61
GLN1434899	GLN1434899	Robinson A	Karnataka	BANGALORE	KAMNHALI	37.36
GLN1503600	GLN1503600	Lakshmamma J	Karnataka	BANGALORE	KAMNHALI	512.2
GLN1511409	GLN1511409	T N Jayamma	Karnataka	BANGALORE	MALESWARA	340.08
GLN1223245	GLN1223245	V Rajashekar	Karnataka	BANGALORE	MALESWARA	191.55
GLN1579740	GLN1579740	Mohamed Riyaz Ahamed	Karnataka	BANGALORE	MALESWARA	26.43
GLN1714434	GLN1714434	Sreedhar Jayapalan	Karnataka	BANGALORE	MALESWARA	220.8
GLN1318835	GLN1318835	Kalavathi B	Karnataka	BANGALORE	RAJAJINAGA	32.14
GLN1666922	GLN1666922	Tamil Selvi .	Karnataka	BANGALORE	RAJAJINAGA	49.27
GLN1668697	GLN1668697	Jayshree Murlidhar	Karnataka	BANGALORE	RTNAGAR	10.9
GLN1588886	GLN1588886	Mohammed Mushaveer Ahmed	Karnataka	BANGALORE	RTNAGAR	26.3
GLN1784149	GLN1784149	Syed Nadeem Pasha G	Karnataka	BANGALORE	RTNAGAR	63.2
GLN1608498	GLN1608498	M Chamaraja	Karnataka	BANGALORE	SADASHIVA	35.8
GLN1631129	GLN1631129	G Padma Nabha Reddy	Karnataka	BANGALORE	SADASHIVA	190.15
GLN1451410	GLN1451410	Seema B K	Karnataka	BANGALORE	SADASHIVA	83.61
GLN1695673	GLN1695673	Somashekhara M K	Karnataka	BANGALORE	THIPASANDR	15.4
GLN1728802	GLN1728802	Jayanth Gowda B C	Karnataka	BANGALORE	THIPASANDR	9.47
GLN1696245	GLN1696245	Shiji Mathew	Karnataka	BANGALORE	THIPASANDR	209.8
GLN1579716	GLN1579716	Savitha .	Karnataka	BANGALORE	VIJAYANAGA	39.64
GLN1579720	GLN1579720	Savitha .	Karnataka	BANGALORE	VIJAYANAGA	39.84
GLN1605009	GLN1605009	Vijayalakshmi B	Karnataka	BANGALORE	VIJAYANAGA	40.73
GLN1605028	GLN1605028	Vijayalakshmi B	Karnataka	BANGALORE	VIJAYANAGA	46.77
GLN1605032	GLN1605032	Vijayalakshmi B	Karnataka	BANGALORE	VIJAYANAGA	69.47
GLN1764216	GLN1764216	Vijayalakshmi B	Karnataka	BANGALORE	VIJAYANAGA	67.18
GLN1763456	GLN1763456	Selvamani .	Karnataka	BANGALORE	VIJAYANAGA	15.79
GLN1687561	GLN1687561	Selvamani .	Karnataka	BANGALORE	VIJAYANAGA	36.32

Bidders are requested to Submit a copy of their Photo – identity, signature and address proof along with their original for verification together with two recent photographs on the day of auction. The Bank reserves the right to change the venue/date/time of auction or cancel the auction without any notice to bidders.

The cost of the auction process will be debited to the customer account. Bank reserves the right to recover the balance amount from the customer if the bid amount is insufficient to meet the payoff amount of the account.

For any further details regarding the terms and conditions of the auction, you are required to contact the below mentioned person/s.

Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd.
Ph - 8197072323

CLASSIFIEDS

PUBLIC NOTICE

CHANGE OF NAME

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I, **PRIYA J, D/o NAIDU J C and W/o JAWAHAR B,** residing at - # 401, 4th Floor, UNIIDUS Acropolis Apt, Garudacharpalya, Mahadevapura, Bangalore, Karnataka, 560048, India, changed my name from PRIYA A to PRIYA J vide affidavit dated 15.09.2020 sworn before notary M.S. SATISH at Bangalore. Henceforth, I shall be known as **PRIYA J** for all purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SYED ANEES AHMED,** Resident of No. 22, Papanna Garden, A.M.C. Road, K.G. Halli, A.C. Post, Bangalore - 560 045, have changed my name from **ANEES AHMED MUNIR** to **SYED ANEES AHMED.** Vide affidavit dated 17-09-2020 sworn before Advocate & Notary B.M. Chandrashekar, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Smt. Prashanthi Kumar,** previously called **Prashanthi Chitradurgam,** W/o Sri. Mohan Kumar J, aged about 58 years, residing at No. 3731, 2nd 'B' Cross, Hemavathi Road, Girinagar 2nd Phase, Bangalore-560 085. Hereby declare that, I have changed my name from '**PRASHANTHI CHITRADURGAM**' to "**PRASHANTHI KUMAR**" vide Affidavit dated 16.09.2020, Sworn before Advocate and Notary T. Mallikarjuna, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SERVICE NO. JC 311727K SUB Vellaichamy.N Unit TB-I, CHO COY, MEG & Centre, Bengaluru-560042, have changed my son name from **VIGNESH** to **VIGNESH.V** and Daughter name from **V.SOORIYA** to **SURYA.V** vide affidavit Dated 16/09/2020 sworn before Notary Gangaraju.B.N., Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

WE, SHAIK SHAFIULLA and **REHANA BEGUM,** Residing at No. 08, 11th Cross, Muneshwara Nagar, Deevarajeevan Halli, Bengaluru-560045, have changed my Minor Daughter's name from **MALAIKA** to **MALAIKA SHAIK** vide affidavit Dated 10/09/2020 sworn before Notary A.R.Muneer Ahmed, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) KIRAN, S/o. P.R. Krishnan, residing at No. 55, 1st Cross, Sri Sai Garden, MS Palya, Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore-560097, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) KIRAN KRISHNAN** vide affidavit Dated 07/09/2020 sworn before Notary A.R. Muneer Ahmed, Bangalore.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform General Public that my clients, are intending to purchase the vacant residential site bearing No:87, situated at The Bank Officers and Officials House Building Co-Operative Society Ltd., Layout, First Stage, Doddakallasandra Village, Bangalore, Corporation Ward No:197 - Vasanthapura and bounded on the East By : Site bearing No:88; West By : Site bearing No:86D; North By : Road; South By : Sites bearing Nos:96 & 96A; Measruing East to West: 40ft.; North to South: 60ft., In all ad-measuring 2,400 sq.ft.; belonging to Sri.D V Sankar Narasimhan, Son of Late D N Venkataraman, residing at No:77/6, Nandi Durga Road, Jayamahal, Benson Town, Bangalore – 560 046;

Any, person, having any claim over the above property claiming through the predecessors in title or any other person, may lodge their objections or claims, in writing with all supporting documentary evidence by registered post with regard to such claim with the undersigned within seven (07) days hereof, failing which my clients will proceed to conclude the Sale Transaction. Any claims lodged thereafter will not be entertained by my clients;

N S SATYANARAYANA GUPTA
K S NAYAK, N S RACHANA
N C JANARDHAN
Rachana Law Associates,
"Lakshmideep", I Floor, No:2980, 17th Cross, Banashankari II Stage,
BANGALORE – 560 070;
PH : 26761209 / 26765286
Dt:18-09-2020

ANDHRA PRADESH STATE CIVIL SUPPLIES CORPORATION LIMITED
HEAD OFFICE: 10-152/1, SRI SAI TOWERS, BANDAR ROAD KANURU, VIJAYAWADA-520007.

Lr.No.PDS/P2/1263/RF/2018-19 Dated: 17.09.2020

TENDER NOTICE

EMPANELMENT OF SUPPLIERS THROUGH NEML E-REVERSE AUCTION PLATFORM FOR SUPPLY OF 1500 MTS OF FORTIFIED RICE KERNELS (FRKS) WITH THREE (3) MICRO NUTRIENTS FOR DISTRIBUTION UNDER PDS AND ICDS IN ANDHRAPRADESH FOR SUPPLY IN 20 KG BAG DELIVERY TO APSCSCL.

Applications are invited from the interested Manufacturers of FRKs for registration as suppliers to participate through e-Reverse auction conducting on NeML platform on behalf of APSCSCLtd. for supply of FRKs in Andhra Pradesh State.

For registration, interested producers of FRKs may visit in the website **www.neml.in** and **www.apscscl.in** for application form and detailed terms & conditions.

Last date for online registration and completion of formalities for the e-Reverse auction shall be up to 5.00 pm of **28.09.2020.** The duly filled in application form should be submitted to **The Membership Department, NCDEX e-Markets Ltd.,101 & 101T, First floor, Ackruti Corporate Park, LBS Marg, Kanjurmarg (West), Mumbai-400079,** Tel:9642332994,9962059598,022-66473153/54; **Email: askus@neml.in**

The Tentative date of online e-auction through NeML e-Reverse Auction platform would be on **29.09.2020.** The details are available in the RFP on the websites **www.apscscl.in** and **www.neml.in.**

Sd/- VC & MANAGING DIRECTOR

BEFORE THE DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGE, CITY CIVIL COURT AT BANGALORE (CCH-18)

P & SC No. 127/2020

Between : Mrs. J. Margaret Reeta alias Margaret Reeta Joseph, D/o. Mr. A Joseph, aged about 50 years, R/at No. 928, "Cicily Villa" 4th Cross, 5th Block, BEL Layout, Vidyaranyapura, Bengaluru-560097 ....Petitioner

AND -NIL- ...Respondent/s

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas the above named petitioner has initiated a petition under section 276 of the Indian succession Act seeking to issuance of Probate of will dated 06/05/2018 executed by late Mrs. Jayaseeli wife of Mr. Joseph, a Resident of No. 928, "Cecily Villa", 4th Cross, 5th Block BEL Layout, Vidyaranyapura, Bengaluru-97 in favour of the petitioner Mrs. in respect of the schedule property

Take notice that if any person/s having any claims /objections in the said the said property may appear before the court in person or through his/ her/ their authenticated agent / advocate at 11 **A.M. on 5-10-2020** to reply / oppose for issuance of Probate of will to the petitioner or otherwise the matter will be decided ex-parte in accordance with law.

SCHEDULE

Immovable House Property bearing PID No. 117/5/1/7/1-47 **situated at Ramachandrapura, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk,** now comes under Bengaluru Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara, under ward No. 9 of Ramachandrapura, Consisting wit Ground, First & 2nd Floor with in total measurements of 50 & 1/2 Feet x 30 feet i.e., East to West : 50 & 1/2 Feet and North to South : 30 feet in total 1515 square feet at Site 47, 2nd Cross, Bloom Field Garden in Survey No. 5/1 & 7/1, of Ramachandrapura, Within the bounderies of : **East by : 34, West by : 30 feet Road, North by : Site No. 46, and South by : Site No. 49** (in Same Survey Numbers) having civic facilities like, water Drainage and electricity etc.,

Given under my hand and the seal of this court on 16th day Sept. 2020

Sd/- By the Order of the Court,
Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore

ADVOCATE PETITIONER:
RAJ & RAJ ASSOCIATES, Advocates, No.63, 1st Main, Sheshadripuram Bangalore-560020

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that on behalf of my client, we are investigating the ownership rights and title of **Total Environment Building Systems Private Limited** in respect of the properties bearing Survey. Nos. 59/2, 59/4, 60/2, 60/7, 68/3, 68/4, 87/4, 102/2, 102/4, 105/5, 105/6, 105/10, 106/1, 106/2, 106/3, 106/4, 116/2A, 116/2B, 122/1B, 124/3, 130, 130/2 and 131/2, **situated at Kochanahalli Village, Varuna Hobli, Mysore Taluk, Mysore.** And my client intends to fund for the aforesaid properties, whereas the said Total Environment Building Systems Private Limited informs to my client that the below mentioned documents are not in its custody and the same has been misplaced and the documents are:-

Sl. No.	Document Description	Document No.	Survey Nos.
1.	GPA executed by Purushotham Reddy in favour of Bharat .C.B	1082/2006-07	106/1; 87/4; 60/2, 105/10; 105/5
2.	GPA executed by H.L.Ramegowda Reddy in favour of S.A.Imthiaz	869/2005-06	68/4, 68/3; 68/4; 106/2
3.	GPA executed by Ramegowda Reddy in favour of S.A.Imthiaz	246/2005-06	105/6; 116/2A; 116/2B
4.	GPA executed by Venkatamma Reddy in favour of S.A.Imthiaz	976/2005-06	68/3; 68/4;106/3;
5.	GPA executed by Venkatamma Reddy in favour of S.A.Imthiaz	1201/2005-06	68/3; 68/4;106/4
6.	GPA executed by H.L.Rame Gowda in favour of K.Chandra Prakash	562/2005-06	106/2
7.	GPA executed by Venkatamma Reddy in favour of Narayana.S	584/2005-06	106/4 & 130
8.	GPA executed by H.L.Jagadish Reddy in favour of S.A.Imthiaz	909/05-06	102/4; 102/2; 130/2; 131/2; 106/3
9.	GPA executed by H.L.Jagadish Reddy in favour of S.A.Imthiaz	1205/05-06	102/4; 102/2; 130/2; 131/2; 106/3
10.	Sale Deed executed by Cheluvamma and others in favour of B.Bhagyavathi	2047/2006-07	60/7
11.	GPA executed by M.Mahadevaswamy in favour of Ashok Kumar	351/2008-09	124/3
12.	General Power of Attorney	1203/2005-06	122/1B

Hence If anybody is having custody over the above mentioned Documents or finds the same, they shall communicate/contact me with original documents and If anybody has got any kind of charge, lien, adverse claim or objections over the aforesaid Survey Numbers, are hereby required to make the same known in writing along with all the documentary proof in support of the claim to the below mentioned address within **7 DAYS (Seven Days)** from this date of this publication of notice or otherwise it will be construed that there are no charges or claims of

Market Watch

MARKET			GOLD			SILVER			FOREX		
323 ▼	Sensex	38,979.85	₹38 ▼	24 carat (1 gm)	₹5,120	₹1,200 ▼	Per kg	₹67,800	▲ Dollar	73.65
88.45 ▼	Nifty	11,516.10	₹38 ▼	22 carat (1 gm)	₹5,020	₹1.2 ▼	Per gm	₹67.8	▼ Euro	86.96

FinMin rules out GST reduction for auto industry

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

AT a time when the country's crisis-hit automobile sector is struggling to make a turnaround and seeking support from the government, a senior finance ministry official said it won't be possible for them or the GST Council to bring down GST rates on automobiles which is as high as 50 per cent for passenger vehicles.

"There is no immediate plan to reduce GST on automobiles. GST collection is already low and it does not give any further headroom for reduction. Rates were rationalised when there was a requirement. Also, the rates were the same since last three years. Why sudden outrage now!" said a senior Finance Ministry official. The official added that the companies should cut down their costs of manufacturing by curtailing the royalty payments to their parent companies abroad.

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> Senior official

"GST rates on automobiles are less than what VAT and excise duty rates used to be in the pre-GST times. Infact, our tax rates are in par with many developed nations. It is not very high," the official said.

While the ministry has accepted that the GST rates on two-wheelers are higher at 28 per cent, the official added that the industry should not expect any reduction immediately, at least for the current financial yeat. Two-wheeler makers have been for long lobbying for a 10 per cent reduction in GST rates to bring down the cost of ownership and boost demand.

The statement from the government official comes following a report that quoted Japanese carmaker Toyota is halting expansion plans in India due to unfriendly tax regime. Later, however, the carmaker clarified they are committed to Indian market.

"Toyota Group in India is targeting to invest over ₹2,000 crore in India in the coming years on technology and electrification, both for the domestic and the exports market," said Masakazu Yoshimura, Managing Director, Toyota Kirloskar Motor.

Other industry officials, however, have demanded tax relief to boost demand. "Sales have hit rock bottom due to the Covid-19 and prolonged slowdown. Multiple regulatory changes such as BSVI emission norm, new safety norms and upfront increase in insurance cost has made vehicles expensive in the last two years," said a senior executive of a two-wheeler brand.

Govt to amend FEMA act, readies draft norms

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ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE government plans to amend the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA), Companies Act 2013, to make it more business friendly and the ministry of corporate affairs is likely to submit the draft soon.

"We got lot of representation from various ministries and startups to change the law, which is not in sync with the current business requirements. We have taken that feedback and it is being worked out," a senior official in the Mimistry of Corporate Affairs told this publication.

According to sources in the Ministry of Corporate Affairs and Ministry of Finance, the details of the draft amendment is being worked out by the Enforcement Directorate, officials from Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Department of Revenue and tax consultants and experts. Officials hinted that some of the change will be related to foreign funding, listing of Indian companies in foreign exchange and reduction of the instances of harassment under FEMA violations.

"While the government is keen on preventing money laundering, it is also important that businesses are not unnecessarily harassed. So these details have to be worked out," the official added.

The move comes also at a time when several technology firms in India are also looking to go public in the next 2-3 years. Currently, under the rules of FEMA and Companies Act, Indian companies are mandated to list in India before they list in another market.

However, the Finance Ministry approved the proposal to relax this norm. This required amendment in taxation and company law. The government had initiated the process in March but it was stalled due to lockdown imposed on account of the Covid-19 pandemic.

According to the official, while the tax department is pitching for dual listing, the Ministry of Corporate affairs are in the favour of making this even more flexible.

The draft is expected to be out by the end of this month.

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Vi drops faster speed claim from priority plan

JONATHAN ANANDA @ New Delhi

FACING an enquiry by regulator TRAI into its 4G priority network plan, telecom services provider Vi has withdrawn the contentious faster speed offering from its package. The company's website no longer promises faster network speeds under its premium RedX plan.

Vi did not offer any comments on the development. RedX has been at the centre of a tug of war between the regulator and telcos since June, when TRAI sent notices to Vi (then Vodafone Idea) and Bharti Airtel to halt plans that promised higher speeds to 4G mobile customers.

While targeted higher speeds are intrinsic to the fixed line broadband market, the technology which delivers 4G data services to mobile users is very different. Since mobile speeds are a factor of the number of mobile towers in an area (BTS stations) and the number of users using them, offering higher speeds to select customers is far trickier.

Vi moved apex telecom disputes tribunal TDSAT and secured a stay on TRAI's direction in a matter of days, but the court did not halt the probe. TRAI's concerns, addressed in a series of questionnaires sent to the companies, were centred around faster speed claims—though the plans offered much more, from OTT platform subscriptions to travel privileges.

Airtel voluntarily halted its plan during the course of its probe. Vi sent in its responses, but sources say the regulator was left unsatisfied. TRAI was not convinced that higher speeds for RedX users would not come at the cost of other customers. The regulator had also repeatedly stated that Vi should inform its users that faster speeds cannot be guaranteed, stating in its show cause notice that Vi's claims were "misleading".

With Vi now removing the faster speeds claims, the regulator is unlikely to find much to object. Under current rules, a telecom service provider has seven days from launch to file a revised plan with TRAI, but sources could not confirm whether such a revision has already been filed. The removal of faster speeds from the plan is a loss in value, say sector analysts, and could result in some users exiting the plan.

Airtel halts high-speed plan much earlier

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TODAY'S STOCK PICK

Current Price ₹273

Target Price ₹314

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ESEL managed to keep its units running even during the pandemic as the products are classified as essential. In 1QFY21, ESEL reported strong numbers; despite the partial lockdown across multiple locations. We believe earnings momentum to continue on the back of rising revenue share from personal care. We expect revenue/EBITDA/PAT CAGR of 11%/15%/24% over FY20-23E.

— Motilal Oswal Securities Limited

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Soota: A builder of tier-1, mid-tier firms

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UNLIKE the young, first-generation entrepreneurs who are dominating the tech-startup ecosystem in India currently, Soota is a an experienced IT leader who has built both tier-1 and mid-tier companies like Wipro, Mindtree. The unique ways in which Soota is able to tap into investors' mindset and launch his companies successfully on stock exchanges is perhaps elusive to young startup founders, for whom profitability still remains a concern.

In 1999, when Soota was 58, he co-founded Mindtree, an IT services firm, along with nine other senior executives, helping it go public in 2007 at a valuation of over $300 million. As Mindtree strengthened its IT services in various verticals and across other geographies, Soota suddenly sold his shares in the company in 2011 over an alleged rift with the co-founders over strategic business decisions.

Prior to this, IT czar Azim Premji had hired Soota to scale up the IT business at Wipro at a time when the internet penetration all over the country was still minimal. The Wipro's IT business grew from $2 million in 1984 to $500 million in 1999.

In 2011, Soota identified the next growth opportunity in digital boom and co-founded Happiest Minds, a $100 million company which went public in nine years and was oversubscribed 151 times at double the share price on the first day on the stock exchanges.

CREDIT PROFILE

Govt divesting majority stake in PSBs 'negative'

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE proposed divestment of majority stake in state-owned lenders by the government will be credit negative for these banks as many of them have weak credit profiles and depend on government support, said Icra.

During its consolidation exercise last year, the government had excluded a few weaker public sector banks (PSBs). These were Bank of India, Bank of Maharashtra, Central Bank of India, Indian Overseas Bank, Punjab & Sind Bank and UCO Bank. Most of these PSBs have weak credit profile and their credit ratings are primarily supported by a) their sovereign ownership and b) their stable deposit base, which in-turn is supported by their ownership, the agency noted. While a stake sale can help the government meet its ambitious divestment targets and also save it from future capital infusion, for the stability of the banking sector the divestment will require amendment to the Banking Companies (Acquisition And Transfer Of Undertakings) Act, 1970/1980, which provides that the government shall hold not less than 51 per cent of the paid-up capital of a PSB.

The financial profile of these PSBs is very weak. Cumulatively, these banks reported losses of ₹1.08 lakh crore during FY 2016-2020 and the government had to infuse a whopping ₹76,600 crore in capital during this period, and their gross non-performing assets (NPA) ratio stood at a high 15.5 per cent as on March 31, 2020.

MULTI-CHANNELS

Ikea eyes 100 million customers

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THE focus will be to tap 100 million consumers in India through a multi-channel approach.

"India now joins our network of strong locations situated at strategic parts of the world with the establishment of the GBO. India is not only a growing retail destination for us, but also one of the strongest markets when it comes to global business operations capabilities. India is central to our growth plans and the GBO will help simplify, standardise and modernise customer and business transactions, procurement operations, financial reporting and people operations. We have long-term growth plans and plan to expand over time," Lalitha Indrakanti, Head of Global Business Operations for IKEA Retail (Ingka Group) said.

The home furniture major has already slashed the prices of basic product offerings in the wake of reduced consumer spending and is working to create an omni-channel commerce network across the country. IKEA has over three decades of operational experience in India, sourcing materials for its global supply chain, and is currently working with nearly 50 suppliers, employing four lakh people across the country. IKEA's first physical store was set up in 2018 in Hyderabad whereas its Mumbai store is under construction. Besides, the company will also open smaller format city centres and expand its online presence in other cities.

Insurance regulator may extend tenure of Covid-19 insurance plans

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

INSURANCE sector regulator IRDAI is considering whether it should extend the tenure of Covid-19 specific insurance products, according to its chairman Subhash C Khuntia.

"We were hoping that the vaccine would not be delayed for too long. But now that it appears that it will take some more time, we will take a decision about extending the tenure of the policy at an appropriate time," Khuntia said, speaking at a session of the CII Insurance and Pensions Summit, which was webcast on Thursday. He also said that the regulator is working towards facilitating a standard product for coronavirus treatment, which would be easy to understand for policyholders and wouldn't require "voluminous policy documents".

"We are coming out with a standard product, the idea is that a standard product, which is to be sold by all the companies, should be so that it becomes much easier for the policyholder to pick up that product," he said.

Corona Kavach, which was launched on July 10 and is being offered by both general and health insurers, is a standard health insurance policy created to meet the treatment requirements for coronavirus infection. The term of the policy ranges from three-and-a-half months to nine-and-a-half months, with the maximum insured amount set at ₹5 lakh.

According to Khuntia, the sector recorded a de-growth of 19.1 per cent in April compared to the previous year. However, demand has since recovered. "Life insurance has grown by 2 per cent and non-life by 3.6 per cent (till August 2020). So it is a positive sign and I am quite hopeful that this growth rate will pick up now," he added.

EXPRESS READ

Petrol sales rise on y-o-y basis

New Delhi: Petrol demand breached the pre-Covid mark in the first fortnight of September, according to preliminary industry data, with sales rising on a y-o-y basis for the first time since lockdowns.

TVS Motor expands presence in Columbia

New Delhi: Chennai-based TVS Motor Company on Thursday announced their new distribution partnership with Autotecnica Colombiana SAS (Auteco SAS), a leading motorcycle assembler in Colombia.

250 insolvent firms rescued till June

New Delhi: Asserting that rescuing firms is the primart objective of insolvency law, IBBI Chairperson M S Sahoo on Thursday said that around 250 firms have been rescued through insolvency resolution plans till June 2020.

Business & Beyond

BHEL signs pact with SwissRapide AG

Aimed at expanding its footprint in the urban transportation sector as part of its diversification initiatives, state-run Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with SwissRapide AG to bring Maglev trains (magnetic levitation) to India. The MoU was signed by S V Srinivasan, GM & Head (Transportation Business Group), BHEL and Niklaus H. Koenig, President and Chief Executive Officer, SwissRapide AG.

IREDA celebrates Hindi Pakhwada

Hindi Pakhwada is being celebrated virtually in Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd. (IREDA) between September 14 and 28, 2020. On the occasion of Hindi Diwas, Pradip Kumar Das, CMD, IREDA and Chintan Shah, Director (Technical) released the bi-annual issue of e-magazine 'Akshay Kranti'. In his address, the CMD motivated the employees for maximum use of Rajbhasha Hindi.

State-run PNB sanctions loans under PM SVANidhi in Tamil Nadu

Punjab National Bank (PNB) has sanctioned loans under PM SVANidhi through its branches across Tamil Nadu to eligible street vendors. Sekaran, manager, Tambaram, West branch, Chennai recently distributed the sanction letters of the scheme to various beneficiaries. The scheme aims to facilitate working capital loan up to ₹10,000 to street vendors.

CLW observes cleanliness drive

Swachhta Pakhwara or cleanliness and sanitation drive will be organised at various locations in Chittaranjan Locomotive Works (CLW) premises between September 16 and 30,2020. As part of campaign, programmes on removal of plastic waste was held in various offices like main shop, TR25, SFS 03 and store etc., where officers and staff participated, maintaining Covid-19 protocols.

IMFA gets BIS tag for fly ash aggregate

Indian Metals & Ferro Alloys Ltd (IMFA) has received BIS certification for its Sintered Fly Ash Coarse Aggregate — the first and the only in India to comply with the ISI quality standards. The licence is granted by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS). "We're delighted that our pioneering work for productive use of fly ash... is recognised with BIS certification. This reiterates our commitment to produce an eco-friendly substitute for natural stone chips used in construction and value proposition from waste material," IMFA MD Subhrakant Panda, said.

SER kicks off Swachhta Pakhwara campaign

South Eastern Railway (SER)has been observing Swachhta Pakhwara (fortnight) at its headquarters and all over its four divisions i.e. Kharagpur, Adra, Chakradharpur and Ranchi and other units with full zeal from September 16. The campaign will continue till September 30, 2020. As part of the move, the staff and officers of SER, passengers and rail users were encouraged to desist from open defecation and plastic bags usage in areas approaching stations, trains, on tracks, in yards or even at home.

Thiago to move to Liverpool

Bayern Munich chairman Karl-Heinz Rummenigge confirmed on Thursday the club has agreed a transfer with Liverpool for Spain midfielder Thiago Alcantara. "I can confirm that FC Bayern have finally agreed with Liverpool FC," Rummenigge told German daily Bild.

IPL 13 : 1 DAY TO GO

SUNRISERS HYDERABAD

PAST | IPL champions in 2016, they have been one of the most consistent teams over the last four editions. Not the most glamourous outfit, but definitely one to watch out for.

PRESENT | Have parted ways with Tom Moody who guided them to four Play-offs and a title. Have roped in Trevor Bayliss as coach who won the World Cup with England last year. Bayliss, will have Brad Haddin to assist him alongside VVS Laxman and Muttiah Muralitharan.

STAR WATCH

Apart from being explosive at the top, Warner is Hyderabad's most valuable asset. As captain, he has shown he is second to none and is among the most consistent.

TEAM TALK | Bowling has been their forte and the story continues. In Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Rashid Khan, Mohammad Nabi, Billy Stanlake, Sandeep Sharma and Siddarth Kaul they have a match-winning attack. They also have good back-up bowlers. In Fabian Allen, Mitchell Marsh and Vijay Shankar, they have all-rounders to lend balance. But it is the batting that they have to be careful with. Their middle-order rest on Vijay and Manish Pandey. Kane Williamson can also come handy.

2013: Play-offs, 2014: 6th, 2015: 6th, 2016: Champions, 2017: Play-offs, 2018: Runners-up, 2019: Play-offs | Note: Deccan Chargers not considered.

SC asks HC to resolve NSF issues fast

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Chennai

THE sports ministry and the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) can breathe a sigh of relief. On Thursday, the Supreme Court clarified that the centre did not need the prior permission of the Delhi High Court before granting recognitions for the various National Sports Federations (NSFs).

"The Hon'ble Supreme court of India today (Thursday) clarified that the order dated 7.2.2020 of the Hon'ble High Court in Rahul Mehra's PIL was only for the IOA and MYAS to merely inform the court in advance about any decision related to NSF's and no consent is required to take any decision regarding NSF's from the Hon'ble High Court," said a statement. "The court was also seized of the matter that the PIL is more than 10 years old and should be disposed off at the earliest." The ministry, however, need to inform the HC about any decisions taken on NSFs.

In a February order the HC had asked the ministry and IOA to inform the court before taking any decision on the NSFs. "The Court further directs that both the IOA and MYAS will, hereafter while seeking to take any decision in relation to the NSFs, inform the Court in advance," said the court in the February order.

The Supreme Court, noting that the petition has been pending since 2010, requested the HC to expedite the matter. The matter is up for hearing in Delhi High Court on Friday. This is significant because if the sports ministry can grant recognition for the various NSFs, it will help the athletes who are training for the Tokyo Games. However, pertaining to whether sports code is followed by each of the NSFs would be discussed in the HC.

The Supreme Court was hearing the appeal filed by ministry against the Delhi HC's order banning the ministry from taking decisions apropos recognition to the various NSFs without taking its permission.

Six-day quarantine in Abu Dhabi, none in Dubai

KKR to miss Morgan, Cummins & Banton, Warner, Bairstow in for SRH

VENKATA KRISHNA B @Chennai

THE Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has managed to get clearance from the United Arab Emirates local health authorities with regards to relaxing of quarantine rules for players arriving from Manchester. However, the relaxation applies only to those players who will be stationed in Dubai. Those heading to Abu Dhabi will have to spend six days in quarantine before being allowed to play, which means Kolkata Knight Riders will be without Eoin Morgan, Pat Cummins and Tom Banton against Mumbai Indians for their first match on September 23.

On Thursday night (local time), 21 players arrived in Dubai via a charter flight from Manchester. As reported by this newspaper, the BCCI had made a request to the local health authorities to relax the quarantine rules since all of them are arriving in Dubai from a bio-secure bubble in Manchester through a special corridor created specifically for their safe passage at both airports. In fact, the BCCI had stated in its Health and Safety protocols that if the franchises take care of these aspects then quarantine may be relaxed.

While the franchises ensured it, the local health authorities were in no mood to relax the norms because of the rise in number of Covid-19 cases. However, after BCCI made an appeal, they granted certain relaxations on Thursday. Players, who will be picked from the Dubai airport tarmac, will have to head to their respective team hotels in buses which are sanitized. All of them have to wear PPE kits through the journey.

On Friday, all of them have to undergo a RT-PCR test, the result of which will be out in 36 hours. If it's negative, they will be allowed to enter the bio-secure bubble and will be available to play.

If all of them test negative, the likes of Glenn Maxwell, Alex Carey will be available to take the field on Sunday in Dubai where Kings XI Punjab and Delhi Capitals clash. But the biggest beneficiaries will be Sunrisers Hyderabad and Rajasthan Royals who can have David Warner, Jonny Bairstow, Steve Smith (pending medical clearance), Jofra Archer and Jos Buttler for their opening matches. Kolkata, though, will be severely hit. Though they are the last team to play the first match, they will miss the services of Morgan and Cummins. The last day of the quarantine ends on September 23.

Chennai won't be able to field Josh Hazlewood and Sam Curran against Mumbai.

GERMAN JAMBOREE

The Bundesliga's 2020-21 season gets underway from Friday night. Here's a look at a few of the talking points...

A drop-off for Bayern

Last season's treble winners may suffer a dip in quality but that's the noise that's coming out of Bavaria. Thiago Alcantara is going, David Alaba may leave yet and replacements may not be forthcoming. They did do well to get Leroy Sane on board but the squad isn't strong.

Can Dortmund take control?

Dortmund have retained all their stars. Retaining Jadon Sancho is a big statement and throw in Erling Haaland who will begin his first full season in Germany. But there are questions marks over their defence. If they can address that, they will be a title contender.

Where are the transfers?

The 18 clubs between them have spent 256 million euros in permanent deals. That figure is bloated thanks to three signings (Leroy Sane, Jude Bellingham and Emre Can). On the eve of the season, that just feels low. Things could still change as the transfer season has been extended.

Schedule (all matches at 7.30 pm on Saturday unless specified)

Bayern vs Schalke (12.00 am on Sat), Stuttgart vs Frieburg, Frankfurt vs Arminia, Union Berlin vs Augsburg, 1 FC Koln vs Hoffenheim, Werder vs Hertha, Dortmund vs Monchengladbach (10.00 pm on Sat), Wolfsburg vs Leverkusen (9.30 pm on Sun)

Sindhu skips, Saina to play in Denmark Open

INDRANEEL DAS @Chennai

DAYS after cancellation of the Thomas and Uber Cup finals, it is understood that at least three players from the list of six-member team released by the Badminton Association of India are set to withdraw from the Denmark Open in Odense. World champion PV Sindhu, who joined the squad after BAI president Himanta Biswa Sarma spoke to her, is understood to have withdrawn from the Denmark Open. Apparently a letter has been written to BAI on her unavailability.

London Olympic medallist Saina Nehwal and K Srikant will lead India's charge. Lakshya Sen is the third player left in the squad. Ashwini Ponappa and Sikki Reddy too have opted to skip the meet. As reported by this daily, BAI had asked players who are going to participate at Denmark Open to sign a consent form and those were supposed to intimate their availability by September 17.

KSA provide financial aid to coaches, pool staff

BENGALURU: The Covid-19 pandemic has hit the swimming fraternity with pools shut for the last six months. The Karnataka Swimming Association (KSA), via their fundraiser 'KSA Cares', is providing a three-month financial relief package worth Rs 15 lakh to coaches and pool staff across Karnataka who are in need of monetary support. In August, KSA dispersed Rs 5.50 lakh financial aid to 250 coaches and pool staff. They have distributed dry ration worth Rs 3,000 each to coaches and pool staff from affiliated centres across the state who are registered with the the state body. This relief package will be extended till October. KSA President Gopal Hosur also said that the second round of financial aid was dispersed earlier this week.

Indian football season to begin in Oct amid strict Covid protocols

ASHIM SUNAM @Bengaluru

THE delayed football season in the country will finally kickstart with I-League qualifiers next month amid strict Covid-19 protocols. The AIFF said that event will be held from October 8 to 19 at two venues in West Bengal. All the five participating teams, who will battle it out for a single slot in the I-league, and match officials, will reside in a Kolkata hotel. They will be monitored through regular checks including body temperature, oxygen level amd RT-PCR tests on pre-determined dates.

As per AIFF's standard operating procedure, members of the five teams have to undergo Covid-19 tests twice and need to produce negative reports before entering the hotel. While the first test must be conducted between September 15 and 18, the second one between September 22 and 23.

However, it is important to mention that the entire hotel has not been booked for them, but some special arrangements have been made to keep players and officials isolated. "No one from the outside world will come in contact with them," League CEO Sunando Dhar told this daily. "There is a special area for them to eat, they will not be coming down to any of the restaurants or the coffee shop. There are exclusive meeting rooms for them and exclusive gym timings as well."

With four teams — Bhawanipore FC, FC Bengaluru United, Mohammedan Sporting and Garhwal FC — featuring on opening day, they will have to report to the hotel on September 25. ARA FC, the fifth team, can report three days later as their game is scheduled on October 11. After reaching the hotel, members of all teams will stay in isolation for the next three days, followed by the first scheduled RT-PCR test on September 28. They will undergo more tests on October 4, 9 and 19. The qualifiers, which will witness 10 matches in total, will be played across two venues — Salt Lake Stadium in Kolkata and Kalyani Stadium in Kalyani, near Kolkata.

EXPRESS READ

RCB to pay tribute to Covid heroes

BENGALURU: Royal Challengers Bangalore players will will wear a tribute jersey with the message 'My Covid Heroes' during matches and training in IPL 2020. The franchise will be supporting Give India Foundation by donating the proceeds from the auction of the jerseys that the players wear during the season's first match on Monday.

Government of Tamil Nadu
Tirumangalam Municipality
Roc No: 223/2020/E1 Dated:14.09.2020
NOTICE INVITING REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION (THIRD CALL)
Notice inviting RFQ for Construction of a New Bus Stand Infrastructure Project for Tirumangalam Municipality, Tamil Nadu, on a PPP Mode (DBFOT Basis), including financial management and maintenance for a period of 22 years.
Inviting authority: The Commissioner, Tirumangalam Municipality, Tirumangalam – 625 706, Tamil Nadu.
Phone: 04549 - 280757, Email: commr.tirumangalam@tn.gov.in
1. The Government of Tamil Nadu is keen to improve the intercity bus transport infrastructure in the State of Tamil Nadu. As a part of this effort, it is proposed to develop and establish state-of-the-art bus terminals, in the State on public-private partnership basis. These terminals would be operated and maintained at a pre-determined quality standard, rendering cost effective and efficient services to the users.
2. The Tirumangalam Municipality (the Authority) has been authorized by the Municipal Council for construction, development, and management of new Integrated Bus Terminal Infrastructure Project, design, build, finance, operate and transfer (**"DBFOT"** mode of PPP) (**"Project"**), in accordance with the terms and conditions, to be set forth in a concession agreement, to be entered into.
The Estimated Project cost is Rs. 21.72 crores
3. The said Project is for the Concession Period of 22 years, including the right to develop, design, finance, construct and maintain the Commercial Facility and Amenities, to undertake the marketing, booking and allotment of built up area therein and to demand, charge, collect, retain and appropriate the User Charges and the Premia there from.
4. **The Authority accordingly invites Applications from the eligible developers, to being shortlisted for the issue of Request For Proposal (RFP) Document.**
5. A pre bid meeting for the prospective Bidders, who are interested in bidding for the above-mentioned project, will be held on 21.10.2020 at 11.00 hrs at Municipal Office, Tirumangalam.
6. The Eligibility Criteria and other terms and conditions are given in RFQ.
7. The RFQ may be obtained the address given above during office hours, on payment of Rs.10000/- (Rupees Ten thousand only), through Demand Draft, drawn in favour of Commissioner, Tirumangalam Municipality pay able at Tirumangalam as processing fees.
8. The RFQ may also be downloaded from **21.09.2020** from the Official Website **https://tntenders.gov.in.**
9. The last date for submission of RFQ is **15.00 Hrs on 18.11.2020.**
DIPR.3468/Tender/2020 **Commissioner (i/c), Tirumangalam Municipality.**

Government of Tamil Nadu
Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department
Kanniyakumari District
1. For details, visit **www.tntenders.gov.in**
2.e-Bids are invited by the **Project Director, DRDA, Kanniyakumari Districts of Tamil Nadu state for the work of Repair the road and renovation of 2 bridges leading to Keeriparai Rubber factory and Keeriparai Labour colony road at ch ch 80m & ch 230m in the existing alignment under SIAF 2014-15 Savings Fund in Thovalai block of Kanniyakumari District.**
3. The bid documents can be downloaded free of cost in the website **www.tntenders.gov.in** from **20.09.2020 to 20.10.2020 upto 15.00 hrs.**
4. Last Date and Time for downloading and submission of Bid Documents.
i. Last Date and time for downloading of Bid Documents : **20.10.2020 15.00 hrs**
ii. Last Date and time for online Submission of Bid Documents : **20.10.2020 15.00 hrs**
iii. Date and Time of online opening of Bid Documents : **20.10.2020 16.00 hrs**
Additional Collector (Development) and Project Director, DRDA, Kanniyakumari @ Nagercoil.
DIPR.3467/TENDER/2020

KARNATAKA STATE POLICE HOUSING & INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
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No.: EE/KSPH&IDCL/CNT/TND/2020-21/173 Date: 16.09.2020
SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER
KSPH & IDCL invites online tender through e-procurement portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** for **"Entrustment of 3rd Party Quality Assurance and Monitoring of KSPH & IDCL, Mysore Division for the Work of Construction of Dr. Vishnuvardhana Smaraka Bhavana at Mysore".**
The Interested Consultants / Firms who are having specific experience in Quality Assurance & Monitoring of Building works and Project Monitoring Services, having required infrastructure as well as financial capabilities to undertake such services may participate in the tendering process.
The details such as Tender Fee, EMD, Tender Documents etc., are available on e-Procurement Portal.
KSPH & IDCL reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids without assigning any reasons.
***Sd/-* Executive Engineer - Contracts I/c**

TAMIL NADU SLUM CLEARANCE BOARD COIMBATORE CIRCLE
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
FORM OF CONTRACT : "LUMPSUM" (TWO COVER SYSTEM)
Tender Notice No.SCB/719/DB/2020 Dated: 17.09.2020
For and on behalf of Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board, one sealed tender consisting of two separate sealed covers one for Pre-qualification with EMD to be enclosed in 'A' cover and another for price schedule with name of work duly superscribed to be enclosed in 'B' cover are invited from the registered contractors under Class - I and above in TNSCB / Government Departments / Government undertakings / Public Sector Undertaking, registered as a legal entity in India by the Superintending Engineer, Coimbatore Circle, Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board, Selvapuram, Shivalaya Mahal (opp), Perur North, Coimbatore - 26. upto 3.00 PM on **19.10.2020** and the same will be opened at 3.15 PM on the same day in the presence of the Tender Scrutiny Committee.

Sl. No	Name of Work	Tender value including GST Rs. In Lakhs / Period of contract	EMD (in Rs.)
1	Construction of 120 tenements adopting T.D.No: HFA/68A/2019 Type A(R) & HFA-68B/2019 (G+3 storeyed) at Anna Nagar Phase - II Pongalur village in Avinashi Taluk of Tiruppur District under HFA. CER.No.01/CBE/2020-21.	942.87 / 15 Months	4,82,000
2	Construction of 272 nos of slum tenements adopting T.D.No: HFA - 28/2017 (G+3 storeyed) at Sembankaradu scheme, Mylambadi village in Bhavani Municipality Erode District under HFA. CER.No.02/CBE/2020-21.	2209.18 / 15 Months	11,14,600
3	Construction of 464 nos of slum tenements adopting T.D.No: HFA - 28/2017 (G+3 storeyed) at Guruvareddiyur scheme, Ammapettai T.P in Anithiyur Taluk of Erode District under HFA. CER.No.03/CBE/2020-21.	3796.20 / 15 Months	19,10,000
4	Construction of 144 Nos of Slum tenements adopting T.D.No:HFA-28/2017 (G+3 Storeyed) at Kavindapadi scheme, Salangapalayam T.P in Bhavani Taluk of Erode District under Housing For All. CER.No.04/CBE/2020-21.	1182.00 / 15 Months	6,01,000
5	Construction of 480 Nos of Slum tenements adopting T.D.No.HFA-68D3/2019(R), 68D2/2019(R), 68D1/2017(R), 36A/2019 and 9/2018(R) (G+3 Storeyed) at JJ Nagar, Lakkapuram scheme, Modakuruchi Taluk of Erode District under Housing For All. CER.No.05/CBE/2020-21.	3923.90 / 15 Months	19,75,000
6	Construction of 192 Nos of Slum tenements adopting T.D.No. HFA-68A, 68B, 68C/2019 (G+3 Storeyed) at Kamaraj Nagar in Perunthozhuvu village of Tiruppur South taluk in Tiruppur district under Housing For All. CER.No.06/CBE/2020-21.	1600.70 / 15 Months	8,12,000
7	Construction of 528 Nos of Slum tenements adopting T.D.No.HFA-68A/2019, 68B/2019, 68C/2019 (G+2 Storeyed) at Nethaji Nagar scheme, Sathyamangalam Municipality in Sathyamangalam Taluk of Erode District under Housing For All. CER.No.07/CBE/2020-21.	4437.55 / 15 Months	22,29,000
8	Construction of 112 Nos of Slum tenements adopting T.D.No. HFA-03/2017 (G+6 Storeyed) with development works at Siddhapudur Phase - II scheme in Coimbatore Corporation under Housing For All. CER.No.08/CBE/2020-21.	886.30 / 15 Months	4,54,000
9	Construction of 520 Nos of Slum tenements adopting T.D.No.HFA-24A(R)/2018 & 25B(R)/2018 (G+5 Storeyed) with development works in CMC Colony Phase - II scheme, Variety Hall Road in Coimbatore Corporation under Housing For All. CER.No.09/CBE/2020-21.	4110.00 / 15 Months	20,65,000

The cost of tender schedule and EMD should be drawn as Demand Draft or Banker's cheque/ fixed deposit from Nationalized / Scheduled Bank, payable at Tiruppur in the prescribed form in favour of Executive Engineer, Tiruppur Division, TNSCB, Tiruppur in Sl.No.1 to 7 & Executive Engineer, Coimbatore Division, TNSCB,Coimbatore in Sl.No. 8 & 9. The tender documents may be obtained from the office of the Superintending Engineer, Coimbatore Circle, TNSCB, Selvapuram, Shivalaya Mahal (opp), Perur North, Coimbatore -26 on written requisition along with cost of the tender document to a value of Rs.17,700/-upto 3.00 PM on **17.10.2020**.
(1) The conditions and other details may be seen in the tender documents and also the same will be made available on all working days in the Office of the Superintending Engineer, Coimbatore Circle, TNSCB, Coimbatore- 26. (2) The tender documents are also available at www.tenders.tn.gov.in which can be downloaded at free of cost. The tenderer shall keep a watch over the web site till the preceeding date of tender.
Conditions for participating in the tenders may be seen from the website **www.tenders.tn.gov.in**
The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons thereof.
Selvapuram, Shivalaya Mahal(opp), Perur North, Coimbatore -26.
DIPR/3489/Tender/2020 **Superintending Engineer Coimbatore Circle**

ADMINISTRATION OF THE UNION TERRITORY OF LAKSHADWEEP
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY
LAKSHADWEEP DISTRICT PANCHAYAT, KAVARATTI
F.No. 103/04/2019 – AH(DP) (STAT) DATED 16.09.2020.
e-TENDER NOTICE
Electronic Tender are invited for supply of **"INSTALLATION AND COMMISSIONING OF HYDROPONICS (500KG FODDER/DAY) FODDER GROWING SYSTEM AT DAIRY UNIT, DISTRICT PANCHAYATH, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY DEPARTMENT, U.T. OF LAKSHADWEEP, KAVARATTI"** for the year 2020-2021. Tender notice can be downloaded from the web site **tendersutl.gov.in**, from **17.09.2020, 10:30 hrs to 22.10.2020, 15:30 hrs** further details can be had from the same site.
Sd/- (Dr.P. Attakoya)
DISTRICT VETERINARY OFFICER
For and on behalf of the President-com-Chief Counsellor U.T. of Lakshadweep, Kavaratti.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE UNION TERRITORY OF LAKSHADWEEP
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY
LAKSHADWEEP DISTRICT PANCHAYAT, KAVARATTI
F.No. 104/03/2020 – AH(DP) (2) DATED 16.09.2020.
e-TENDER NOTICE
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KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
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Other details can be obtained from the Office of the undersigned
Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Ele.,
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Zonal Office Complex, Navanagara, Bagalkot-587103.
Tel.: 08354-236032 & 236029

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Office of the Chief Engineer, PHE., Meghalaya, Shillong
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Rich nations grab most vaccine stock

Five leading vaccine candidates will be able to supply 5.9 billion doses: Oxfam

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WASHINGTON: Rich nations representing a fraction of the global population have already bought up over half the promised Covid-19 vaccine stocks, a study showed, as US President Donald Trump pledged to begin inoculating Americans within weeks.

Big pharma is racing to produce an effective jab to counter a virus that has now killed more than 9,35,000 people around the world and infected almost 30 million.

The non-governmental organisation analysed deals struck by pharmaceuticals and vaccine producers for the five leading vaccine candidates currently in late-stage trials, based on data collected by the analytics company Airfinity.

European Union chief Ursula von der Leyen on Wednesday warned against "vaccine nationalism" that she said could put lives at risk by depriving the most vulnerable in poorer nations of immunity.

But a study released by Oxfam showed a group of wealthy countries representing just 13 per cent of the world population has already secured the lion's share of doses.

"Access to a life-saving vaccine shouldn't depend on where you live or how much money you have," said Robert Silverman of Oxfam America.

The five leading vaccine candidates will be able to supply 5.9 billion doses, enough to inoculate about three billion people, the Oxfam report said.

The five vaccines analysed were from AstraZeneca, Gamaleya/Sputnik, Moderna, Pfizer and Sinovac.

Some 51 per cent of those jabs have been snapped up by the wealthy world, including the United States, Britain, the European Union, Australia, Hong Kong and Macau, Japan, Switzerland and Israel. The remaining 2.6 billion have been bought by or promised to developing countries including India, Bangladesh, China, Brazil, Indonesia and Mexico.

The non-profit added that one of the leading candidates, developed by Moderna, has received $2.5 billion in committed taxpayers' money, but has said it intends to make a profit and has sold the options for all its supply to rich nations.

Oxfam is calling for a "people's vaccine" free of charge, distributed fairly based on need and said that the estimated cost of providing a vaccine for everyone on Earth was less than one per cent of the projected cost of Covid-19 to the global economy.

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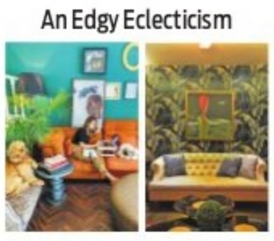

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